

# RECYCLABLE OF THE MONTH:

**Jan. 2025**

**SKIP the STUFF !**



## **SKIP the STUFF and help reduce single use waste !**

Wellesley is promoting an **initiative to reduce unnecessary waste** from take-out food orders and delivered meals. This initiative promotes the idea that food service providers first ask their customers before providing single use accessories such as utensils and condiments. This spring, Annual Town Meeting will be considering a new by-law that will require that food service establishments ask first before providing these accessories.

### **Why is this an issue?**

Every year, billions of unused utensils, condiment packets, and other accessories are included in take-out and delivery orders - even if customers don't want or need them. The waste from accessory items pollutes our community and means restaurants are literally throwing money away.

### **The solution is simple.**

Food service providers should **ASK FIRST**. If you need food ware accessories, you can get them.

And if you don't need them, you can prevent waste by deciding to "Skip The Stuff". Some establishments are already doing this!

### **What does it mean for ME as a customer?**

If the by-law is approved, single use condiments and utensils will only be provided upon request. You can still get what you need but these items will no longer be provided automatically. This action is simple, saves restaurants money, and reduces unnecessary waste.

**Request only what you need and leave the rest!**



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