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Dear Food Establishment,

On April 14th, 2025, the Wellesley Town Meeting approved a Board of Health bylaw known as “Skip The Stuff”. The purpose of “Skip The Stuff” is to reduce the waste created by single-use articles such as plastic utensils and single-serving packaged condiments. **This bylaw is effective January 1, 2026**, requiring all Food Service Establishments (FSEs) to only provide single-use articles upon customer request or at a self-service counter. This bylaw is intended to 1) reduce the amount of waste generated by single-use articles, 2) change customer habits, and 3) help reduce unnecessary costs to FSEs.

What does this mean for you?

- Provide single-use service articles (including condiments) only upon request.
- Inform customers when they order (whether online, over the phone, or in-person) that you can only provide single-use articles upon request or at a self-service counter.
- Single-use articles may not be bundled (ex: fork, spoon, knife, napkin, salt & pepper in one package).
- Place signage in the establishment and/or at the point of order informing customers that single-use items will only be provided upon request. This includes online ordering platforms.
- Beginning January 1st, failure to comply will result in the following: first-third offenses will result in a written warning; the fourth offense will result in a \$50 fine; and the fifth and subsequent offenses will result in a \$100 fine.
- Any FSE may seek a limited delay in implementation of this bylaw by filing a request in writing with the Director of Public Health. Please send written letters of request to the Director of Public Health, Leonard Izzo, at the following address: Wellesley Health Department, 90 Washington St., Wellesley MA 02481. Written letters of request can also be emailed as an attachment to izzo@wellesleyma.gov. Letters must state reasons why this bylaw cannot be implemented by January 1, 2026.

Along with this letter, we have included materials for display.

For more information, additional downloadable signage, and a copy of the “Skip The Stuff” bylaw, please scan the QR code or visit our website www.wellesleyma.gov/link.

