



AB 619 : Retail Food: Reusable Containers: Multiuse Utensils

California Assembly Bill 619 was passed in July 2019 and explicitly allows reusable food containers to be refilled by either the owner/operator of a food facility or the consumer. Consumers may supply their own reusable containers. Facilities may accept approved reusable containers for the customers personal drink or meal order.

This new law allows consumers to bring clean reusable containers to a food facility to be filled, provided the food facility meets these three requirements:

- 1. Consumer-owned containers must be isolated from the serving or preparation surface or the surface must be sanitized after each filling.**
- 2. Food facilities are required to prepare, maintain, and adhere to written procedures that addresses cross-contamination prevention.**
- 3. Food facility shall ensure compliance with handwashing requirements specified in California Retail Food Code (CRFC).**

