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## **“Skip the Stuff” Rules to Reduce the Junk that Builds up in Kitchen Drawers Go Into Effect Monday**

Starting Monday, July 31, New York City food service establishments providing take-out and delivery service may **not** provide utensils, condiment packets, napkins, or extra plates or containers to customers, unless such items are requested.

Additionally, online ordering and restaurant delivery services must set a default option of **not** providing those items, but may provide the option to request such items if the establishment offers them.

Skip the Stuff aims to reduce single-use plastic in our waste stream, most of which ends up in landfills where it contributes to climate change. In NYC alone, 36 million pounds of single-use plastic are collected from our residential waste stream with tens of millions more discarded by commercial establishments annually.

The warning period for this new requirement will be in effect until June 30, 2024, after which fines may be issued for violations. Outreach, education and enforcement will be conducted by the Department of Sanitation in partnership with the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection.

For more information, visit [nyc.gov/skipthestuff](http://nyc.gov/skipthestuff).

### **About the New York City Department of Sanitation**

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City clean, safe, and healthy by collecting, recycling, and disposing of waste, cleaning streets, attacking the scourge of illegal dumping, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms, 705 salt spreaders, and several dozen bike lane operations machines. Under the Adams Administration, the Department is aggressively cleaning more parts of the City than ever before, including over 1,000 long-ignored areas spread across every neighborhood. With the highest wintertime uniformed headcount in 20 years, DSNY is more equipped than ever to remove snow and ice from the approximately 19,000 lane-miles of City streets.