

# Alaska Airlines eliminates plastic cups on board



Alaska Airlines has said goodbye to plastic cups onboard

In a first for US airlines, [Alaska Airlines](#) has completed the elimination of plastic cups from its flights.

All inflight beverages are now served in Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified paper cups or reusable glassware for most First-Class services, a move which eliminates more than 55 million plastic cups annually.

The airline began the process of eliminating its five largest sources of plastic waste in 2018 by removing plastic straws and stir sticks from inflight service — a first for any airline at the time.

In 2021 Alaska replaced plastic water bottles on board with [Boxed Water](#) cartons. Boxed Water packages purified water in 100 percent recyclable cartons made from plant materials, and guests surveyed report that they prefer Boxed Water over plastic-bottled water at a rate of 2-to-1.

In the Main Cabin, flight crew use recyclable paper cups instead of plastic, removing more than 22 million disposable plastic cups from the fleet.