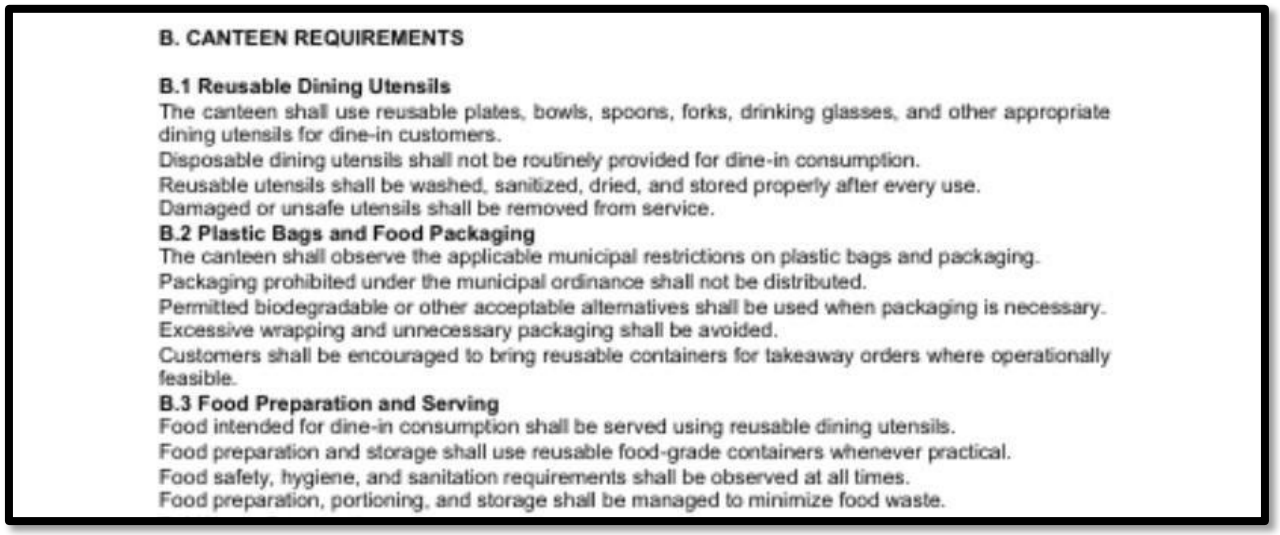


B. CANTEEN REQUIREMENTS

B.1 Reusable Dining Utensils
The canteen shall use reusable plates, bowls, spoons, forks, drinking glasses, and other appropriate dining utensils for dine-in customers.
Disposable dining utensils shall not be routinely provided for dine-in consumption.
Reusable utensils shall be washed, sanitized, dried, and stored properly after every use.
Damaged or unsafe utensils shall be removed from service.

B.2 Plastic Bags and Food Packaging
The canteen shall observe the applicable municipal restrictions on plastic bags and packaging.
Packaging prohibited under the municipal ordinance shall not be distributed.
Permitted biodegradable or other acceptable alternatives shall be used when packaging is necessary.
Excessive wrapping and unnecessary packaging shall be avoided.
Customers shall be encouraged to bring reusable containers for takeaway orders where operationally feasible.

B.3 Food Preparation and Serving
Food intended for dine-in consumption shall be served using reusable dining utensils.
Food preparation and storage shall use reusable food-grade containers whenever practical.
Food safety, hygiene, and sanitation requirements shall be observed at all times.
Food preparation, portioning, and storage shall be managed to minimize food waste.

Reducing Campus Plastic Waste Through the Institutional Policy on Disposable Items and Single-Use Plastics

Holy Child Central Colleges, Inc. (HCCCI) implements an institutional Policy on the Minimization of Disposable Items, Plastic Bags, and Single-Use Plastics as part of its efforts to reduce plastic waste across campus. The policy establishes specific measures to minimize the use of disposable materials, restrict unnecessary plastic packaging, and encourage reusable alternatives in campus operations, particularly in food service activities.

Under Section B (Canteen Requirements), particularly provisions **B.1, B.2, and B.3,** the **policy requires the campus canteen to use reusable plates, bowls, spoons, forks, and drinking glasses for dine-in customers**; comply with municipal restrictions on plastic bags and food packaging; avoid excessive food wrapping; and prioritize reusable, food-grade containers for food preparation and storage while observing sanitation and food safety standards.

The policy is reflected in the canteen's daily operations, where reusable dining utensils are used instead of routinely providing disposable alternatives. Disposable packed lunches are not part of regular food service operations, and students and employees are encouraged to bring personal tumblers, water bottles, and reusable food containers. Unnecessary food wrappers, disposable cups, and straws are also discouraged. Through these established measures, HCCCI provides an institutional framework for reducing plastic waste, promoting reuse, and preventing plastic materials from entering drainage systems and nearby aquatic environments. These efforts contribute to SDG 14 (Life Below Water), particularly Indicator 14.4.2, by addressing plastic waste at its source through campus-level waste reduction practices.