

TL;DR: For the 2019-2020 academic year, the MMSA will cease to fund non-reusable items at interest group events. This act of non-reimbursement is currently targeted as cutlery, dishware, plastic bottles, disposable cups and cans. Every year we set a goal to be environmentally friendly as an organization. Please advise guests to bring their own dishware, cutlery and drinkware. Napkins are funded per usual.

(For your pizza events this means attendees bring their own plate and water bottle).

FAQ:

- Which items are affected by this policy?
 - Cutlery, dishware (plates, bowls, etc.), plastic bottles, disposable cups and cans.
- When we make food orders, the food often comes in non-reusable containers which creates waste. Will our ability to order such food be restricted by this policy?
 - No.
- Can we still buy cutlery as a back-up?
 - The groups must advertise events as BYOC(utlery) and will not provide back-up utensils.
- Are napkins defunded since they are single use?
 - We have not reached that level of enlightenment yet.

Text of motion:

“Whereas; the MMSA serves to advance and promote the interests of medical students at the Max Rady College of Medicine; **and Whereas** It is our duty as future physicians to be leaders in environmental sustainability and responsible resource allocation; **and Whereas** Interest Group events produce a high amount of waste through the use of single-use plates, cutlery, cups, and plastic water bottles that negatively impact environmental health; **BIRT** The MMSA will not provide reimbursement for following disposable and single-use products at interest group events; single-use plates, cutlery, cups, and plastic water bottles.”