

CASE STUDY: Manila Eatery



BUSINESS PROFILE

Name:

Manila Eatery

Business Type:

Fast Casual

Locations:

Colma, CA

On-site Dining:

35 seats

Take-out:

50%

Warewashing:

Mechanized dishwasher

Manila Eatery serves authentic Filipino cuisine, from classics like lumpia to their own family creations. The busy family-operated restaurant completes 100 transactions each day, firing up dishes that are fresh, full of flavor, with no added MSG. Regulars celebrate the friendly vibe — it feels like aunts and uncles are cooking for you.

Packaging Practices prior to ReThink Disposable:

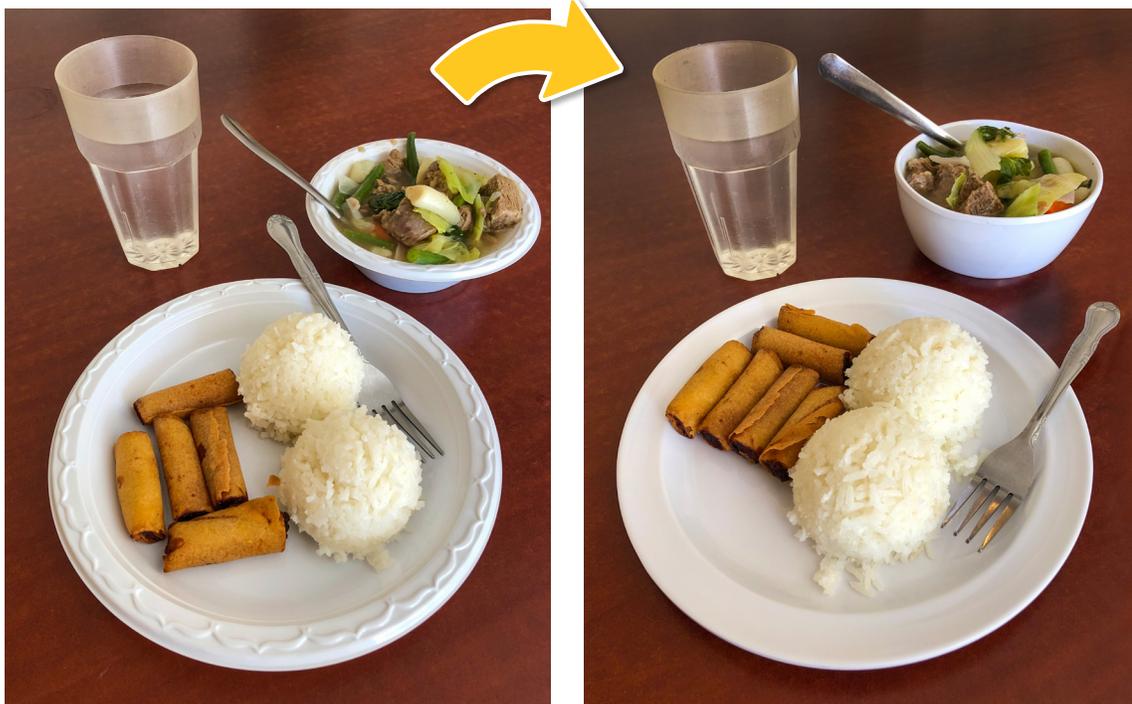
- Disposable plastic plates
- Two sizes of disposable plastic bowls
- Stainless steel utensils
- Durable plastic cups

Recommendations Implemented:

- Replace single-use plates with reusable plates
- Replace two types of single-use bowls with reusable bowls

With **ReThink Disposable's** support, Manila Eatery transformed into a 100% reusable restaurant for dine-in guests.

Before participating in the source reduction program, this eatery used a mix of single-use and reusables for dine-in guests. After an initial investment of \$506 in durable plates and bowls, Manila Eatery eliminates the use of **54,507 pieces** of single-use plastic items, weighing **2,240 pounds**, every year and pockets **\$4,693 of annual net cost savings**.



*Before and After:
Single-use plates
and bowls were
replaced with
reusable items.*

Results:

Disposable Product Replaced or Minimized	Recommendation Implemented	Percent Disposable Reduction	Annual Quantity of Disposable Product Reduced	Payback Period (months)	Annual NET Cost Savings After Payback Period (\$)	Annual Waste Reduction (lbs.)
7" heavy-duty, disposable plastic plate	Replace single-use plate with a durable plate	100%	27,253	1.5	\$2,079	409
12 oz heavy-duty disposable plastic bowl	Replace single-use bowl with a durable bowl	100%	27,253	1.1	\$2,614	1,831
TOTALS:		AVERAGE % Reduction of targeted foodware: 100%	TOTAL # Reduced: 54,507 pieces	AVERAGE Payback Period: 1.3 months	TOTAL Net Savings: \$4,693	TOTAL Waste Reduction: 2,240 lbs.

THE BOTTOM LINE

- Two simple changes resulted in \$4,693 of annual savings
- 1.12 tons of annual waste reduction
- Average payback period, 1.3 months

ReThink Disposable is a program of Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund conducted in partnership with local businesses and government agencies. Generous support is provided by a changing list of public and private funders. To learn more about the program, its partners, and funders, visit: www.rethinkdisposable.org.



OFFICE OF
SUSTAINABILITY
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO



Tel. (415) 369-9160 ext 308
ReThinkDisposable@cleanwater.org
www.rethinkdisposable.org



CLEAN WATER FUND