PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SAFER FOODWARE INITIATIVE

In 2025, the Illinois Green Business Association, in partnership with the EnergySense Resilience Center and other partners, launched the **Safer Foodware Initiative**, an EPA grant-funded program that brought technical assistance and PFAS-free foodware to 31 food businesses across the Chicagoland area.

Now, we're sharing project highlights and seeking organizations that can share our resources with more Illinois businesses.

Let's reduce PFAS exposure in Chicago!

- ☑ 8 out of 31 businesses assessed transitioned to PFAS-free food packaging.

- ☑ "By switching to PLA-lined paper containers, my egg rolls stay crunchier and my food is safer!"

  -Tiffani Caffrey,
  Eat'em Up Catering

- ☑ Identified compostable, safer products that reduced costs.





Hot cups and unlined fiber bowls only increased food packaging costs by $0.01/unit!

- ☑ Developed a suite of business tools, such as lists of PFAS-free foodware products and a decision tree.

Find all resources here: SCAN ME

SAFER FOODWARE INITIATIVE PARTNERS:

EnergySense Resilience Center

ILLINOIS GREEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

BRIGHT BEAT

TAKE 25 OUT

CROSS COMMUNITY CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

Seven Generations Ahead