

*This document outlines standards for beverage vending machines on City property (per Executive Order 8). The New York City (NYC) Food Standards, under which the Standards for Beverage Vending Machines fall, aim to reduce the availability and consumption of sugary drinks, with the goal of improving the health of all New Yorkers. Other organizations may also adopt the Standards for Beverage Vending Machines to offer healthier beverage choices to their clients, staff and visitors.*

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## Section 1. Standards for Cold Beverage Vending Machines

*The following standards apply to cold beverage vending machines serving people of all ages. Additional standards for cold beverage vending machines serving children are described in Section 2.*

- 1. Require** all beverages stocked contain  $\leq 24$  calories per 8 ounces (oz) and no added sugars.

**There are two exceptions:**

- | 100% fruit juice with no added sweeteners may be stocked in a maximum of two slots. This maximum applies no matter how many slots a machine has.
  - | Unsweetened 1% and nonfat milk and nutritionally equivalent milk substitutes (such as soy milk) that contain  $\leq 9$  grams of total sugar may be stocked in an unlimited number of slots.
- Sugary drinks are beverages with added sugars (such as sodas, sports and energy drinks, and sweetened iced tea) and cannot be stocked.

- 2. Require** the top row of each machine be stocked with at least two slots of water.
  - | Water must contain 0 calories and no added colors, flavors or sweeteners.
  - | If drinking water (such as from a water fountain) is available near a machine, the slots of water can be substituted with slots of unsweetened and unflavored seltzer.
  - | Recommend machines be stocked with water and unsweetened seltzer only.
  - | Recommend setting lower prices for water and unsweetened seltzer than for other beverages.
- 3. Require** 100% fruit juice with no added sweeteners be sold in 12-ounce or smaller containers and stocked only on the bottom row.
- 4. Require** advertisements on machines be of water or unsweetened seltzer only.
- 5. Require** calorie information be posted, as packaged, for each beverage.

## Section 2. Additional Standards for Cold Beverage Vending Machines Serving Children

*Children (age 18 and younger) have different nutritional needs than adults. Cold beverage vending machines serving children are required to follow the standards described in Section 1, unless stated otherwise below.*

- 1. Require** beverages do not contain low- or no-calorie sweeteners, or artificial colors or flavors.
- 2. Require**, for sites serving children age 12 and younger, beverages contain  $\leq 10$  calories per 8 oz.
- 3. Require**, for sites serving children age 12 and younger, beverages do not contain caffeine.

## Section 3. Standards for Hot Beverage Machines

*The following standards apply to hot beverage machines serving people of all ages.*

- 1. Require** all beverages contain  $\leq 24$  calories per 8 oz and no added sugars.
  - Condiments (such as milk, sugar, and low- and no-calorie sweeteners) can contain  $> 24$  calories per 8 oz.
- 2. Require** calorie information be posted, as packaged, for each beverage.

Executive Order 54 of 2020 ended the purchase of single-use plastic bottles and restricted their sale on City property. To read Executive Order 54 of 2020, visit [nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/executive-orders/2020/eo-54.pdf](https://nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/executive-orders/2020/eo-54.pdf).

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