



**CASE STUDY**

**WORLD GOURMET**

Location: Fremont, California

Service Type: Dine-in and takeout services

Warewashing: Three-sink system

**AT A GLANCE**

- 56% reduction in single-use disposable foodware
- 65,179 pieces (1,356 pounds) of single-use foodware eliminated from the waste stream annually
- Saving \$3,459 annually

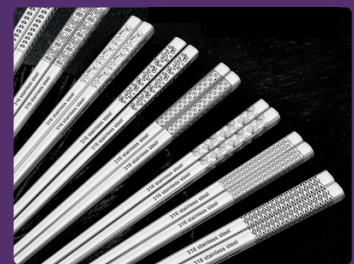
World Gourmet is a local Japanese Seafood & Sushi Buffet restaurant, featuring a delicious assortment of seafood entrees, fresh high-quality sushi, mouth watering dim Sum and soups, cold entries, a full salad bar, and delectable desserts.

With the help of our ReThink Disposable Zero Waste Specialists, World Gourmet is eliminating 1,356 pounds (the weight of a Kodiak bear!) from the waste stream, and the business is saving \$3,459 annually, which can be reinvested into other upgrades to the space. They were able to cut their overall disposable usage by 56% annually and completely eliminate use of disposable chopsticks for dine-in buffet service.

World Gourmet is another great example of how small changes make a big impact.

**CHANGES TO SERVICeware**

Disposable Chopsticks	➔	Stainless Steel Laser-Engraved Chopsticks with Rests
Double-walled Paper Hot Cups	➔	Unbreakable Coffee Mugs



**BEFORE**

**AFTER**





# WORLD GOURMET RESULTS

In collaboration with the City of Fremont, ReThink Disposable assisted World Gourmet replace disposables for dine-in customers. They serve up to 500 meals a day, and with their new stainless steel laser-engraved chopsticks and rests, they have eliminated a major source of single-use waste from dine-in customers. ReThink also switched out their double-walled paper coffee cups, which now affords customers an elevated dining experience.

Disposable Product Replaced or Minimized	Recommendation Implemented	PACKAGING IMPACTS		COST IMPACTS		
		Percent Disposable Reduction**	Annual Quantity of Disposable Product Reduced	Annual Waste Reduction (lbs.)	Payback Period (months)	Annual NET Cost Savings After Payback Period (\$)*
Double-walled Paper Hot Cups	Unbreakable Coffee Mug	100%	13,036	522	9.7	\$1,519.68
Disposable Chopsticks	Stainless Steel Laser Engraved Chopsticks with Rests	50%	52,143	834	0.6	\$1,939.09
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>56%</b>	<b>65,179</b>	<b>1,356 lbs.</b>	<b>4.8 mo.</b>	<b>\$3,458.77</b>

\*Net Cost Impact considers any upfront and ongoing costs associated with the purchase and care of reusable items and capital improvements needed to carry out ReThink Disposable's recommendations. Net cost savings are based on avoided disposable foodware purchases.

\*\*The restaurant continues to use disposable foodware for takeout orders.

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