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Coffee Cups: The Waste Adds Up

Here in Portland, we love our coffee. Which is not a bad thing, since **studies have shown** coffee is tied to many health benefits. Americans drink over 100 billion cups of coffee every year!

The problem? A **huge amount of waste** goes into every disposable coffee cup! Because coffee cups need to accommodate hot liquid, they are often lined with a thin layer of plastic coating. This process makes it difficult to use recycled paper to produce the cup, and almost impossible to recycle after the cup has been used. By the time you consider a plastic lid, an insulated sleeve, and sometimes double cups, the amount of waste is significant. This waste is inevitably passed on to all consumers through higher prices and more garbage. **Learn more** about the environmental impact of coffee cups .

Fact: Coffee cups are not currently compostable

Fact: An estimated 23 billion coffees will be served in disposable paper cups in 2010.

Fact: Americans are responsible for 58% of the paper cup consumption in the world!

The easy answer! Bring your own coffee or travel mug when you buy coffee. Many coffee locations give a 10 cent (or more) discount for bringing your own cup. Ten cents three times a day equals an annual savings of \$75.



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We did a little research on all coffee locations within one block of the Portland Building & City Hall and found some good deals if you bring your own mug:

Name	Address	Reusable Cup Discount for Drip Coffee
BC2	431 SW Madison	25 cents off any size
Café Portlandia	In Portland Bldg	Next smaller cup size.
Café Viale	1001 SW 5th Ave	\$1.45 any size
City Coffee	932 SW 4th Ave	10 cents off any size
Jacks Newstand	In Portland Bldg	25 cents off any size
Java Man	1432 SW 6th Ave	no discount
Java Man Coffee	518 SW Taylor St	no discount
Kaffee Bistro Inc	1234 SW 2nd Ave	15 cents off any size
Katies Café	1300 SW 6th Ave	no discount
McDonalds	1035 SW 6th Ave	\$1.00 off if its 20oz or less
Roses Deli	1300 SW 5th Ave	50 cents drip refill; Sm price for specialty drinks
Seattles Best	1100 SW 6th Ave	10 cents off any size
Starbucks	1211 SW 5th Ave	10 cents off any size

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