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The information requested is not tracked in the form and detail as requested. However, some information relevant to the request is available.

Reusable meal trays, dishes and drinking cups are employed in all 10 provincial correctional centres. Reusable utensils are employed in 7 of the 10 provincial correctional centres. The three provincial correctional centres that employ disposable plastic utensils are, Fraser Regional Correctional Centre, North Fraser Regional Correctional Centre, and Surrey Pretrial Services Centre.

No provincial centres provide straws to inmates unless medically required to consume a meal. Currently, the straws are made of plastic, but a source of paper straws is being established.

Exceptions: In limited circumstances throughout the 10 provincial correctional centres, it is necessary to employ a different approach for utensils and other food hardware. In the case of segregation, paper cutlery and paper and/or Styrofoam dishes may be employed for safety/risk management.

The Ministry of Citizen Services' houses the Facilities Services Division, which contracts service providers to maintain government buildings, which can include garbage, organic, cardboard pick-up, and plastic recycling, etc. WSI is the contractor responsible for the maintenance of eight of BC Corrections' 10 correctional centres (Nanaimo Correctional Centre, Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre, Alouette Correctional Centre for Women, Fraser Regional Correctional Centre, North Fraser Pretrial Centre, Prince George Regional Correctional Centre, Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre and Ford Mountain Correctional Centre) and Honeywell is responsible for the remaining two (Surrey Pretrial Services Centre and Okanagan Correctional Centre).