

Choose to Reuse (CTR) at Gwinn Commons Dining Hall

What is it?

The Choose to Reuse is a reusable container program by Sodexo that will help reduce packaging waste on campus while providing to-go meals from the dining hall.

Why should I participate?

The reusable container system is an example of a closed-waste cycle which encourages reusability. Fewer resources (disposable) for take-out dining means less waste overall. Reusing a plastic container many times is more beneficial, energy efficient than a one-time use container, and is a more sustainable solution. *A study conducted by UC Berkeley found that a reusable to-go container used 14 times equals the CO2 footprint of one compostable container used! Opting for a reusable container will decrease your ecological footprint.*

How does it work?

1. You pay a fee (\$5) at the Gwinn cashier to receive a CTR Clip or container.
2. Purchase your meal in Gwinn.
3. Trade your clip for a sanitized CTR container and review the “program rules” sheet.
4. Select your meal, fill your personal water bottle at the water filling station (water is the only beverage allowed with the to-go meal program), collect your compostable utensils/napkin by the cashier station, **EXIT THE DINING HALL**, and enjoy your to-go meal.
5. Wipe out remaining food solids in the container and drop off the container in the return bin at the Gwinn cashier station, the C-Store cashier, or Bertona Street Grill cashier and collect a CTR Clip from the Cashier for your next to-go meal.

Why \$5?

This covers the cost of the container, so essentially, it's yours if you'd like to keep it! You can buy one, two, or more to fit your dining preferences. You can use your dining dollars, Falcon Funds, cash or credit card!

Can I dine in the dining hall and use my to-go box?

No. Patrons can pay for a meal and dine in Gwinn, and then return to the cashier to pay for a to-go meal and exit the dining hall. Once you have a to-go box, you cannot dine in the dining hall.

What if I lose or damage my clip or box?

If you do not have or damage your clip or container, you can pay \$5 for a new one.

How do I get plated food in my box like Simple Servings?

To avoid using an extra plate, the Simple Servings Station should be your first stop to avoid cross-contamination. Servers can dish directly into an empty box only, otherwise they will dish your food items onto a plate to prevent cross-contamination for other diners.

Can I use my own personal container?

No, these containers were approved by the Department of Health and only clean and sanitized CTR containers issued from the cashier are allowed in the dining hall.

Breaking the Rules = Privileges Revoked

- Violation of the rules and expectations from the Student Handbook.
- Taking other beverages to-go from the dining hall other than water.
- Filling your container with an excess amount of food to where the box does not close.
- Not selecting a meal, but selecting excess multiples of an item (ex: 20 cookies, 10 pieces of chicken, etc.)
- Using your own personal container in Gwinn Commons Dining Hall.
- Filling up your container and not exiting the dining hall.
- Not using an approved clip or container from Dining Services.

Our team would be happy to answer any questions you may have, or you can direct your questions to gwinnntogo@spu.edu.