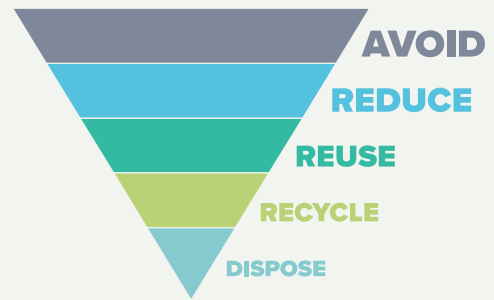


REDUCING SINGLE USE PLASTICS



It is important to consider ways of avoiding creating waste to reduce the amount of materials going into landfill. The City of Casey is committed to reducing single use plastics at Council festivals and events.

Long term environmental damage occurs from items such as plastic bags, drink bottles, cutlery, straws and balloons which are briefly used then thrown away. Australians use an average of 1.5 kilograms of plastic every week, a third of which is single use.



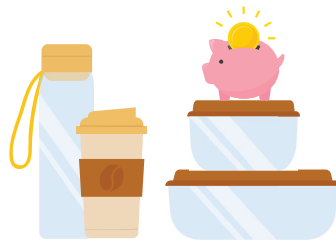
STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION



MENU AND SERVING ALTERATIONS

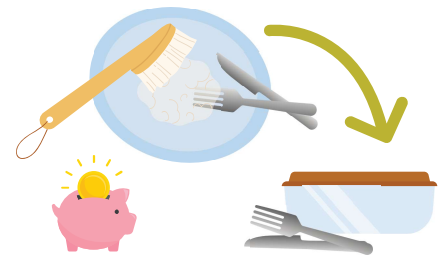
Consider changing the food you are serving, to avoid creating waste with packaging.

Changes to how you serve food can reduce your waste, consider substituting single use plastics for more viable alternatives.



REDUCED PRICES FOR BYO

The customer brings their own kitchenware, which the food or drink is served in. The price of the item can be reduced, therefore encouraging customers to BYO more often.



RETURN OF REUSABLES (complemented by a deposit price)

Supply reusable items to be used by the customer. The customer returns the items once they are finished with their meal. Staff then wash the items, so they can be reused. Tip: An additional cost can be associated with the meal, once the reusable items are returned, the additional cost can be refunded to the customer.

VICTORIA'S SINGLE USE PLASTICS BAN











Single-use plastic drinking straws, cutlery, plates, drink-stirrers, expanded polystyrene food and drink containers, and cotton bud sticks will be banned from sale or supply in Victoria from 1 February 2023. The ban of specific single-use plastic items from sale or supply across Victoria will be enacted by regulations. While the ban will address many problematic single-use plastics items, there is more we can do to reduce plastic pollution and its impact on our environment.



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ALTERNATIVES FOR SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Single Use Items	Best Alternatives	Other alternatives	Tips to succeed
 Plastic Cutlery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide reusable cutlery • Encourage customers to BYO cutlery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bamboo or wooden cutlery (compostable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Consider serving food that does not need cutlery ✓ Only provide cutlery when it is requested by a customer
 Drinking straws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage customers to BYO straws • Sell reusable straws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper straws (compostable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Consider alternative drinks that do not need straws ✓ Only provide straws when they are requested by a customer
 Plastic plates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage customers to BYO plate/bowl/container • Provide reusable plates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serviette or (non-waxed) paper plate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Consider menu alternatives that do not require a plate ✓ If using disposables look to avoid products with plastic linings
 Drink stirrers and sticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide metal teaspoons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooden stirring sticks (compostable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Metal reusable cutlery can be easily washed and reused
 Cotton bud sticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reusable cotton buds (washable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bamboo cotton buds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Try to minimise the need for using cotton buds
 Expanded-polystyrene food containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage customers to BYO containers • Provide reusable containers, cups, plates/bowls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide non-waxed cardboard takeaway containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Consider menu alternatives that do not require a plate or container ✓ If disposable takeaway packaging cannot be avoided, paper containers reduce the amount of plastic in the environment
 Plastic Cups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage customers to BYO water bottles or reusable cups • Provide reusable cups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage bottles and cans for refreshments • Paper cups with wax lining instead of plastic lining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Water fountains should be easily accessible for everyone ✓ If disposable cups cannot be avoided, replacing plastic cups with paper cups reduces the amount of plastic in the environment
 Plastic bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage customers to BYO reusable bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sell reusable bags • 100% recycled paper bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Only provide a bag if requested by the customer ✓ Consider adding a small charge to cover any cost increase if customers choose a paper bag
 Coffee cups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage customers to BYO cups and mugs • Provide Reusable mugs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper cups with wax lining instead of plastic lining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Only provide lids with disposable cups when requested
 Balloons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace with reusable paper lanterns, fabric bunting, flags or banners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper streamers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide information on the negative impacts of balloons on the natural environment

THE BEST WAY TO REDUCE YOUR WASTE IS TO NOT CREATE IT IN THE FIRST PLACE!



MORE INFORMATION

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