

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM SINGLE USE PLASTICS



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT ARE SINGLE USE PLASTICS?



Single use plastics, or disposable plastics, are only used once before they are thrown away or recycled. These include items such as:

- > Plastic Bags
- > Straws
- > Coffee Stirrers
- > Plastic Bottles
- > (Most) Food Packaging

HOW TO AVOID SINGLE USE PLASTICS?

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- > Conduct a **waste audit** to see how you can reduce your waste!
- > **Ban Plastic Straws!** *Many customers are happy to go without.* For those who insist - **use paper straws.**
- > Keep **re-fillable bottles** for water at tables, or install a filtered water system.
- > Encourage customers to **BYO cups.**
- > Offer **re-usable bags** &/or cardboard boxes for use.
- > Use **wooden cutlery** for takeaway.
- > Talk to your suppliers about how to reduce plastic packaging.



WHAT DOES IT COST?

Single use plastics such as: bags, straws, cups & cutlery cost business to purchase, store and dispose of.

Think about the plastic you use each day?

50%

OF THE EARTH'S
PLASTIC
PRODUCTION GOES TO
SINGLE USE PLASTICS

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

12-30 MINUTES - Straws, coffee cups, shopping bags, and plastic cutlery

300-500 YEARS - Single use plastics take to break down (polymers)



HOW TO RECYCLE THEM



Recycling options are many and abundant!

- > Recycle your single use plastics at recycle Coles & Woolworths Stores
<http://www.redcycle.net.au/where-to-redcycle/>.
- > Use **separate bins** to help sort your recycling, from regular rubbish.

NEED HELP?

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