



# Waste Wise Guidelines

Be Waste Smart

On June 1, 2022 the NSW government banned lightweight Single-Use Plastic bags. On 1 November 2022, Single-Use Plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery, plates, bowls and expanded polystyrene food ware was banned.

This ban is a NSW State Government ban legislated by the *Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Act 2021* which also includes plastic alternatives which claim to be biodegradable, degradable or compostable plastics.

See the list below for tips and ideas for acceptable alternative items.

As part of Council's commitment to a sustainable environment, as of 29 February 2020, the Single-Use Plastic items below are banned from all Council events and Council sponsored events. Meaning these items are not to be given or sold at Council events and Council sponsored events. This includes stallholders, contractors, and all other suppliers affiliated with the event. Events may be subject to an inspection by a City of Ryde Compliance Officer.

## Banned Item (Not acceptable)



Balloons



Coffee cup lids  
(Avoid if possible)



Plastic and polystyrene takeaway containers, plates or food trays



Plastic bags  
(Including biodegradable bags)



Plastic cups



Plastic cutlery



Plastic straws



Polystyrene



Single-use plastic bottles



Single-use sauce packets

## Acceptable alternative



Paper or cloth bunting or paper streamers



Encourage BYO coffee cups



Cardboard or bamboo takeaway packaging, or accepting reusable containers



Reusable or paper bags



Paper cups



Bamboo, wood or reusables



Avoid straws or use plastic-alternative straws if necessary\*



Cardboard packaging



BYO bottles to refill or canned or tetrapak water



Bulk dispensers

## Being Waste Wise is Simple!

To find approved suppliers for products and packaging visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SustainableFoodPackagingSuppliers](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SustainableFoodPackagingSuppliers).

Being Waste Wise follows the simple waste hierarchy of Avoid, Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Recover and finally Dispose.

This promotes the efficient use of resources and minimises the amount of waste disposed which has an impact on our environment. The philosophy is that if it blows out of a bin and down a stormwater drain into a waterway or the bush, is it going to break down? If not, then don't use it.

**Assess your packaging:** Look at the types of packaging at your event and ask yourself:

- Do I need this type of packaging?
- Will it break down or can it be recycled?

\* Plastic straws are allowed for people living with a disability or a medical condition.

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