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Plastic cutlery cannot be recovered from the recycling stream due to its size. Mechanical screening at a recycling facility removes cutlery, along with the other contaminants, which means they end up in landfill.

Reusable alternatives

When your customers are in need of takeaway find ways to encourage them to bring their own cutlery. Office workers on their lunch break often have access to these in their staff kitchens.

For customers that are getting their food delivered – they're at home! Make sure to ask whether they need disposable utensils before including it in their delivery.

Recoverable single use alternatives

The table over the page can help you identify the best material for the recycling stream you have available.

Recycling Stream	Materials	Pros	Cons
Organics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood • Bamboo • Compostable plastic (RCPLA, PLA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Range of materials available + Naturally derived products (BPA, phthalate free) + Fully recoverable when an organics bin is provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure compostable plastics are clearly labelled - If organics recycling is unavailable, compostable packaging has to go to landfill
Paper & Cardboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are currently no single use cutlery options available that can be recovered through the paper/cardboard recycling stream 		
Co-mingled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are currently no single use cutlery options available that can be recovered through the co-mingled recycling stream 		



Suppliers

Compostable products

Pac Trading

<https://www.pactrading.com.au/>

Biopak

<https://www.biopak.com.au>

Vegware

<http://www.vegware.com.au/>

Greenpack

<https://www.greenpack.com.au/>

Composting and recycling services

Check with your current waste service provider if organics composting services are available.

Or check out:

Soilco

<https://www.soilco.com.au/>

Organic Recycling Group

<http://org.com.au/>