

PLASTIC CUTLERY

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.

There is a better way.

Reusable alternatives

For eat in customers there is no excuse for single

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.

Communicate with your customers and encourage BYO as an option. Offering a small discount for this is one of the best ways to encourage a change in behaviour.

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.

France is the first country to ban single-use plastic cutlery, which comes into force in 2020.

Recoverable single use alternatives

When a reusable alternative is not available, make sure you're offering an alternative with the least environmental impact.

This will depend on the recycling stream available to your customers.

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	 Wood Bamboo Compostable plastic (RCPLA, PLA) 	 + Range of materials available + Naturally derived products (BPA, phthalate free) + Fully recoverable when an organics bin is provided 	 Ensure compostable plastics are clearly labelled If organics recycling is unavailable, compostable packaging has to go to landfill
Paper & Cardboard	 There are currently no single use cutlery options available that can be recovered through the paper/cardboard recycling stream 		
Co-mingled	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/





