

Eliminating Single Use

If you need to provide disposable single use items, then make sure you're offering alternatives with the least environmental impact.

KNOW YOUR WASTE STREAMS

The most important consideration in making the switch is "What recycling streams will be available to my customers?"

The recycling streams available to customers in public spaces, their work and their home will all be different. No matter how 'green' an alternative may seem, if your customer can't recycle it – it's going into the general waste bin and destined for landfill.

Use the table below to match your choice of single use items with the waste streams available to your customers. You will see from the table that an organics waste stream is highly desirable for most items. Ask your waste contractor about your options for this.

Single Use Item	Material Choice	Waste Streams			
		Organics	Paper & Cardboard	Co-mingled	Soft Plastics
 Drinking cups	Wood	X			
	Bamboo	X			
	Compostable plastic (PLA, RCPLA, bioplastic)	X			
 Coffee Cups	Rigid Plastic			X	
	Compostable	X			
 Cutlery	Wood	X			
	Bamboo	X			
	Compostable plastic (PLA, RCPLA, bioplastic)	X			
 Takeaway containers	Paper/Cardboard	X			
	Rigid Plastics			X	
	Compostable plastic (PLA, bamboo etc.)	X			
 Straws	Paper	X			
	Bamboo				
	Compostable plastic (PLA)	X			
 Bags	Soft Plastic				X
	Paper		X		
	Compostable plastic (PLA, RCPLA)	X			