



# Eliminating Single Use



## TAKEAWAY COFFEE CUPS

*Australians consume more than 50,000 cups of coffee every half hour, and an estimated 1 billion takeaway hot drink cups every year. Source: Sustainability Victoria*

**But things are changing, recently reusable coffee cups have dramatically increased and cafes across the City have embraced the ‘keep cup’ movement.**

### Reusable alternatives

Encourage your customers to slow down and sit-in for their coffee. When they do this there is no excuse for single use. Reusable ceramic, glass, and bamboo are perfect in these situations.

When they are in a hurry encourage them to bring their own cup. Providing a discount is one of the best ways to encourage a change in behaviour.

For regular customers you can have on hand some spare mugs for those times they forget to bring their own. Or become part of a coffee cup exchange network.

Here are a few examples of exchange networks:

- Cocups <https://cocups.com.au/>
- The Cup Exchange <https://www.tcx.org/>
- Vlva La Cup <https://www.vivalacup.com/>

Businesses can also sell their own reusable branded coffee cups, which is a great way to advertise your business and demonstrate your commitment to avoiding single use items.

## Recoverable single use alternatives

In circumstances where disposable, single use coffee cups can't be avoided, compostable coffee cups are the only alternative that have less of an environmental impact.

But there is a catch – if you want to invest in compostable coffee cups than you need to implement an organics recycling stream. Otherwise they will still end up in landfill.

Compostable coffee cups (PLA, RCPLA, bioplastic) are:

- Readily available from most packaging suppliers
- Industrially compostable in around 12 weeks
- Relatively small price increase from standard single-use coffee cups

## Suppliers

### Compostable products

#### **Biopak**

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

#### **Vegware**

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

#### **Pac Trading**

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



*Did you know that the average use of a single-use coffee cup is just 13 minutes?*

### 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/>

