



Eliminating Single Use



TAKEAWAY CONTAINERS

Common clear plastic take away containers are recyclable but because they are often heavily contaminated with food, they go straight to landfill. Others like polystyrene are not currently recyclable and are damaging to the environment.

Businesses can encourage customers to eat in or provide discounts for customers bringing their own reusable containers.

Reusable alternatives

Encourage your customers to slow down and sit-in for their meal. For eat in customers there is no excuse for single use.

When your customers are in need of takeaway find ways to encourage them to bring their own bowl, plate or container. Office workers on their lunch break often have access to these in their staff kitchens. Reach out to your regular customers and let them know you accept these as an option.

Another way to make it easy for your customers to do the right thing is to get involved in a container exchange network such as Replated or ReturnR.

And if you organise events explore reusable systems such as Ruzi.

In August 2017, Hobart City Council made the nation-leading announcement that it will be banning single use, petroleum-based plastic containers and utensils by 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compostable plastic (RCPLA, PLA) • Natural fibres (sugarcane, starch, bamboo) • Paper/cardboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Made from renewable materials + Fully recoverable when an organics bin is provided + Suitable to be disposed with leftover food included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easily mistaken for paper/cardboard. Ensure containers are clearly marked as compostable - If organics bin is not available, it goes to landfill
Co-mingled	Plastics numbered 1 to 5 can be recovered through the co-mingled recycling stream. However this should be a 'last resort' option and any food residue contamination will result in them being sent to landfill		
Paper & Cardboard	There are currently no single use takeaway container options available that can be recovered through the Paper & Cardboard recycling stream		

Suppliers

Reusable serveware services

Absolute Party Hire

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

Ruzi

<https://ruzi.com.au/>

Replated

<https://www.replated.co/>

ReturnR

<https://returnr.org/>

Compostable products

Biopak

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

Vegware

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

Greenpack

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

Pac Trading

<https://www.pactrading.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/>

