

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BY-LAW

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Will all businesses be affected by the single-use plastic by-law?

The by-law only applies to businesses that provide or sell food that is sold as takeaway food for immediate consumption.

2. How do I know that my products are compliant?

Ask your supplier if they can supply certification that meets the standards listed below:

A) Australian Standard AS4736-2006 (amended 2009)

B) European Standard EN13432

C) United States of American standard D6400

A full list of compliant products is available on our website or if you need some help please contact us using the details provided overleaf.

3. Can I continue to use up my old stock?

After 1 July 2021 you cannot provide single-use plastics to customers with takeaway food.

4. What happens if I don't comply?

A two penalty unit is applicable and an infringement notice can be issued by a council officer. If the matter is prosecuted, a penalty of up to eight units can apply.

5. Where can I find compliant packaging?

Compostable products are available by visiting:

hobartcity.com.au/compostable-products



6. What type of packaging is allowed?

✓ Allowed

Bottled beverages (glass/plastic/metal)

Serviettes, wooden cutlery

Soft plastics such as cling wrap

Paper wrapping

Plastic pre-wrapped chocolate bars/lollies/biscuits/chips

Plastic pre-wrapped ice creams

Wooden stirring sticks

Paper sugar/salt/pepper sachets

Cardboard cup trays / boxes

Plastic pre-wrapped fruit and vegetables

Certified compostable bioplastics (cold drink cups, bowls, cutlery, lids, sandwich wedges, noodle boxes, coffee cups, hot chip boxes)

Pizza boxes

Long-life reusable plastic containers

✗ Not allowed

Plastic cutlery

Sauce sachets (e.g. tomato, soy, tartare)

Plastic takeaway food containers and lids

Takeaway plastic straws

Plastic lined noodle boxes

Plastic lined coffee cups

Plastic lids on takeaway cups

Plastic sandwich wedges

The By-Law is intended to apply only to packaging where the business is able to make a choice as to the type of packaging used.

BY-LAW APPLIES

To products made on site and sold for immediate consumption.

The business makes food and drink and packages them so the customer can take them away.

For example: A takeaway shop is making coffee and soup for its customers.



BY-LAW APPLIES TO:

Tubs and lids



Cups and cup lids



Pre-packed fruit and vegetables



Pre-packed drinks and snacks



Utensils

(cutlery, straws, stirrers)



Sachets or packets

(of single serve condiments)



Soft plastics and plastic bags



Non-food related plastics



7. Is my coffee cup lid compliant?

The number on the coffee cup lid must be a number 7 as shown below and certification from supplier should be compostable.

PETE	HDPE	PVC	LDPE	PP	PS	OTHER
polyethylene terephthalate soft drink bottles, mineral water, fruit juice container, cooking oil	high-density polyethylene milk jugs, cleaning agents, laundry detergents, bleaching agents, shampoo	polyvinyl chloride trays for sweets, fruit, plastic packing (bubble foil) and food foils to wrap the foodstuff	low-density polyethylene crushed bottles, shopping bags, highly resistant sacks and most of the wrappings	polypropylene coffee cups and lids	polystyrene coffee cups and lids	other plastics, including acrylic, polycarbonate, polyactic fibres, nylon fibreglass *OK if labelled compostable. Check certification with supplier.



The by-law applies to single-use plastic takeaway packaging that is 1 litre or less, or the size of an A4 sheet of paper or less.

Need some help?

Please review the website information at hobartcity.com.au/singleuseplastics

For questions relating to suitable products, please contact the City's Cleansing and Solid Waste Department on 6278 0212.

For questions relating to the by-law, please contact the City of Hobart's Environmental Health Department on 6238 2715.