

# Single-use plastic

# BAN

## Additional advice for community organisations and not-for-profits

The ban on single-use plastic in NSW includes the supply of banned items by community groups and not-for-profits, such as charities, welfare services, religious bodies, education providers and sporting clubs.

This means you can no longer supply banned items to anyone, including volunteers, members, clients or the public, whether or not a fee is charged. This includes at fundraising events, fetes, meetings or when providing meals.

We understand that non-commercial organisations have limited funding, so you may want to consider ways to minimise costs.

**From 1 June**



Lightweight plastic shopping bags

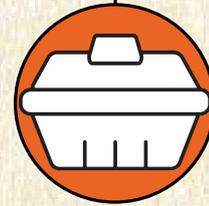
**From 1 November**



Single-use plastic straws\*, stirrers and cutlery



Single-use plastic plates and bowls



Expanded polystyrene foodware



## Tips for minimising costs

### Prepare your clients

Inform members or clients early about the upcoming ban and what changes they should expect so they are prepared to bring their reusable items or aware of price impacts.

### Reduce the items you need

When choosing alternatives, consider if you really need to provide replacements. For example, do your clients need cutlery if they consume your product at home? Do they need a bag if they only carry a few items? You can reduce costs by reducing the amount of items you provide.

### Have a plan for banned stock

You cannot continue to receive, supply or possess banned items after the bans begin, even if you purchased them before the deadline. Stop ordering banned items, use up old stock, and ensure that any leftover stock is removed, recycled or redistributed before the ban deadline. Talk to your supplier as they may be offering exchanges or credits for compliant replacements. If you have leftover stock close to the ban deadline, contact the National Retail Association (NRA) for advice.

### Reusable items and processes

Consider how you could introduce reusable items and cleaning processes to your events and activities.

- Many markets, events and festivals now provide reusable items upon entry (sometimes taking a deposit) and 'wash stations' where attendees can use, wash and reuse cutlery, plates and bowls. This is sometimes manned by a team member or a contracted service for large events. This can reduce long-term costs to your organisation as items can be used and reused many times.
- Many organisations and events now sell reusable items as part of their branding and fundraising activities. You may be able to invest profits from reusable straws and cutlery sets into your organisation.
- You can also use entry signage and pre-event communications to clients to remind them to bring their reusable bags and other items to help minimise costs for your organisation.

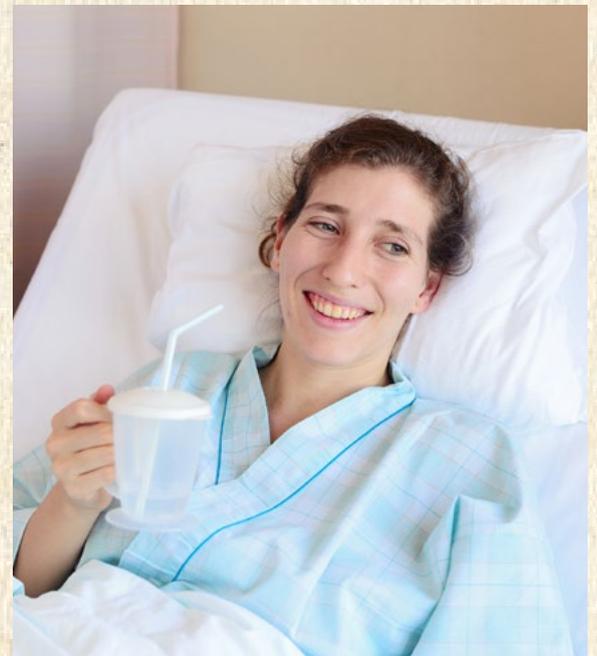
## \*Straws for people with disability or medical need

Single-use plastic straws will be banned in NSW. However, the NSW Government recognises that some members of our community require single-use plastic straws due to a disability or medical need.

If you serve members of our community who do need a plastic straw, you may want to consider keeping stock on hand, noting the exemption below.

- You may provide a single-use plastic straw for a person with disability or medical need (no proof is required).
- These must not be on display or accessible to customers, clients or the public. For more information visit [dpie.nsw.gov.au/plastics-ban](https://dpie.nsw.gov.au/plastics-ban).

Providing straws is optional. If you do not want to supply plastic straws, you are not required to do so. Please also note that this exemption only applies to straws, not other items, at this point in time.



## Need help?

Visit the website:

[www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/plastics-ban](https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/plastics-ban)

Call the NRA hotline:

1800 844 946

Email the NRA:

[sustainability@nra.net.au](mailto:sustainability@nra.net.au)