

PLANNED BANS

1 September 2024

South Australia is taking the next step of a phased and manageable move away from single-use plastics, further enabling all South Australians to replace the waste by avoiding single-use plastics and adopting reusable and compostable alternatives. It is planned that the following items will be banned and restricted from **1 September 2024**.



PLASTIC BARRIER BAGS

These will be phased out, enabling the market to switch to compostable alternatives, certified to Australian Standards for compostability [AS4736-2006 and AS5810-2010], aligning with and supporting our state's efforts in recovering food waste from households.

THICK SUPERMARKET OR BOUTIQUE-STYLE PLASTIC BAGS

There are alternatives for these and the timing of this ban allows retailers to source alternatives and inform customers.



EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (EPS) CONSUMER FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Expanded polystyrene cups, bowls, plates and clamshell container were prohibited from sale, supply and distribution in South Australia on

1 March 2022. Other expanded polystyrene (EPS) consumer food and beverage containers in the market (e.g. gelato tubs) will be removed and complete the approach intended for this type of plastic. EPS trays used for meat, fruit and other food items for retail sale will be phased out.

PLASTIC CONFETTI causes preventable damage to the environment and will be phased out in South Australia. The interpretation of what constitutes confetti will be defined in regulations to follow.

BALLOON STICKS/TIES will be phased out.

PLASTIC BREAD TAGS can be replaced with non-plastic alternatives, as has already been introduced by at least one major bread producer.



SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BEVERAGE CONTAINERS (INCLUDING COFFEE CUPS)

offer convenience for consumers, but these items and their attachments (such as lids and beverage plugs) have limited recovery and recycling pathways, creating confusion for consumers. In order to tackle plastic pollution, business and industry **must transition to more reusable and certified compostable cups, lids and beverage plugs**.



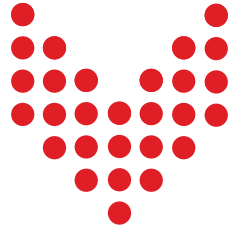
SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS

Fibre and other certified compostable, or non-plastic recyclable or reusable alternatives can replace single-use plastic food containers with various alternatives already available and in use.



For more information visit replacethewaste.sa.gov.au

Use Alternatives



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