

Single-use plastic ban Plastic cans for beverages

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The sale or supply of single-use plastic cups of any shape is banned in Western Australia. The ban includes cups made from plastic-lined paper or bioplastic. It also includes plastic cans with aluminium-sealed lids for dine-in or takeaway cold and hot beverages that are made to order.

The ban on plastic cups for cold drinks came into effect on 1 October 2022 and from 1 March 2024 for hot drinks.

Why are plastic cans banned?

More than 181 million plastic cold cups are used each year across Western Australia, with most ending up in landfill and many littered in the environment.

Plastic cans are a mixed material and cannot be recycled through the yellow-topped kerbside recycling bin. They contaminate recycling streams.



Penalties for providing false and misleading information

Fairness and equity in the hospitality industry relies on everyone in the sector using ban-compliant products.

It is an offence under the *Environmental Protection (Prohibited Plastics and Balloons) Regulations 2018* for a person who supplies or manufactures prescribed plastic items to give any information they know is false or misleading to another person, whether that is a customer, business or the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

This includes giving false or misleading information that relates to the composition of the prescribed plastic item or whether an item is banned or compliant in Western Australia.

The Government of Western Australia uses a common-sense approach to enforce the bans. Retailers and suppliers not making any plans or effort to transition and deliberately continuing to supply banned items face fines up to \$5,000 for an individual or up to \$25,000 for a body corporate.





What are the alternatives?

Retailers are encouraged to provide dine-in options for consumers and offer cold drinks in reusable cup-ware such as glass or durable plastic, avoiding single-use waste. Let customers know they can also bring their own, reusable takeaway coffee cup.

Disposable options are available, with certified compostable paperboard cups and non-plastic fibre lids excluded from the ban. To find ban-compliant options, visit [BanSolutionFinder.org](https://www.bansolutionfinder.org).

Who does the ban apply to?

The ban applies to all businesses, manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers and distributors that sell or supply plastic cups in Western Australia.

More information

Call the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on 08 6364 7000 or email plastic-action@dwer.wa.gov.au

Learn more at [Western Australia's Plan for Plastics](#) and [Banned Items | WA Plastics Ban](#)

Call the National Retail Association hotline on 1800 817 723

