



Hot beverage coffee cups and lids

Phase out from February 2023

What is proposed to be banned and when?

The sale or supply of:

- single-use plastic-lined coffee cups that cannot be composted
- lids for hot and cold beverage cups which are made partly or wholly from plastic, including plastic-lined paperboard.

The phase out will begin from February 2023, with a transition period to be determined through consultation. A transition period of 12 months is currently proposed to allow businesses to use up supplies and adapt to the changes, before the rules are enforced.



Why ban plastic coffee cups and lids?

Each year, more than 182 million plastic coffee cups are used across Western Australia, most of which end up in landfill, with many littered in the environment.

These cups cannot be recycled through the yellow-topped kerbside recycling bin and are a common contaminant of recycling streams.

What is not included in the ban?

- compostable paperboard cups (certified to an Australian composting standard)
- durable cups designed for multiple use and sold as individual items or in sets.

What alternatives are there?

Disposable options will be available, with certified compostable cups and lids excluded from the ban and already widely used by businesses. Consumers are encouraged to dine-in, bring their own reusable cup or take advantage of reusable exchange schemes where available.

Will it cost more to buy a takeaway coffee?

Some compliant compostable cups may initially cost businesses around seven cents more per coffee. The cost will decrease over time as compliant alternatives are more available. The price of disposable plastic items does not reflect the costs to the community of plastic waste and pollution.

Who would the ban apply to?

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

