

Sunshine Coast Council encourages you to reduce single-use plastics in your food and beverage service.

First choice is reusable, if not an option choose an alternative below. Compostable items need to be certified as AS4736, the standard for commercial composting\*.

Swap out	Take action	Try these
 <p>Plastic cutlery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Switch to certified compostable cutlery such as responsibly sourced wood or bamboo.</li> </ul>	 <p>Bamboo or wood cutlery</p>
 <p>Paper coffee cups (with plastic lining)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Switch to certified compostable (hot or cold) cups with a thin waxed or biodegradable (PLA) lining.</li> <li>Reward customers with a discount who bring their own cup.</li> </ul>	 <p>Compostable cups</p>
 <p>Plastic straws</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide paper, pasta or bamboo straws at your point of sale.</li> <li>Reduce straws by only providing on request.</li> </ul>	 <p>Paper, pasta or bamboo straws</p>
 <p>Single serve condiments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use large containers, pump packs or bottles.</li> </ul>	 <p>Large containers</p>
 <p>Plastic and polystyrene plates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Switch to certified compostable plates, containers and trays, such as responsibly sourced paper, bamboo or sugarcane.</li> </ul>	 <p>Compostable plates, containers or trays</p>
 <p>Plastic bags</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide boxes, paper bags or reusable bags for free or at a small cost.</li> </ul>	 <p>Paper bag, reusable bag or box</p>
 <p>Balloons and merchandise</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carefully select giveaways and merchandise that are not single-use plastic items.</li> <li>Support locally produced products and experiences.</li> </ul>	 <p>Vouchers or local products</p>

\* Compostable items need to be certified as AS4736 (the standard for commercial composting) and collected in a separate compost bin.

### Sourcing alternative products

There are a range of local distributors on the Sunshine Coast if you search *compostable packaging*.

Earthborn is the only known commercial composter available on the Sunshine Coast that can process compostable packaging.

### Need more information?

Visit council's website where you will find more Sustainable Events Planning tools and resources.