



Why choose sustainable products?

Due to the popularity of sustainable products in the café industry we have decided to create a simple, fun & easy to read catalogue of the best options for your café to make the swap.

In early 2023 the below pictured single-use plastic items will be banned across Victoria.

What is included in this ban?



Plastic Cutlery



Plastic Plates



Plastic Cotton Buds



Plastic Straws



Expanded Polystyrene
Food & Drink Containers



Plastic Drink Stirrers

What does sustainability mean?

Sustainability is meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

What does this mean for your business?

It means you will need to make environmentally friendly swaps to your everyday single-use plastics. Some of us have already made changes, we still have a way to go. As an industry, we need to find better alternatives that are both practical and better for the environment.

Disposal Method

Each council has different methods of treating our waste. Make sure you do your own research to ensure correct disposal.



Home compostable

This means you can clean/rinse these items to safely compost them at home.

Commercial compostable

Some local councils have their own commercial composting site which processes organic waste or biodegradable products, so it breaks down faster.

** see local Council for more info



Recyclable

Product can be placed in curb side recycling and will be reused and made into another material, given a second life.

Reusable

An item which can be used again or used more than once.



General waste

Is everything that doesn't go in the garden or recycle bin. This can include foods, packaging and non-recyclable plastics.

Great Choices

These are the best of the best for the Australian environment



Sugarcane / Bagasse

Sugarcane / Bagasse is left behind from the harvesting of sugarcane, which would otherwise end up being burnt.

Plant Pulp

Plant pulp is made from wood or plants and is formed into a soft substance.



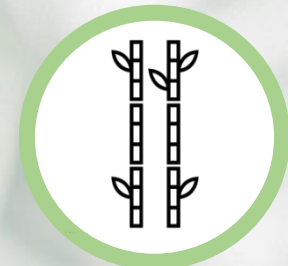
Wood / Paper

Wood / Paper is a sustainable & natural renewable resource made from trees.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certifies that paper is made of responsibly sourced wood fibre so that paper earns the FSC label

Bamboo

Bamboo is a fast-growing renewable plant and is lightweight, durable and natural.



Clay

Clay is extracted from the ground and will eventually end up back there when it breaks down.

Coffee Grounds

Upcycling Coffee Grounds is new to the market, it can be repurposed and will break down when disposed of.



Good Choices

These products should be avoided where possible, to look after our environment



PET Plastic

PET is widely used for packaging food & beverages. It can be recycled if disposed of correctly but often ends up in landfill.

RPET

RPET is made from recycled PET plastics such as water bottles, however less than half of these plastics make it to the recycling facilities. The process to recycle these products are harmful to our environment.



PLA / BIO plastic

Polylactic Acid (PLA) is made from renewable resources such as corn starch but doesn't break down for a long time adding to plastic pollution.

Not So Good Choices

These materials will be banned for single use in the near future.

Polystyrene

Polystyrene (PS) can only be destroyed at an extremely high temperature, if disposed of incorrectly it releases pollutants into the earth.



Plastic

Oxo-degradable → A conventional plastic mixed with an additive to imitate biodegradation.

Polyethylene (PE) → is light, versatile synthetic resin made from polymerization of ethylene.

Polypropylene (PP) → Is a thermoplastic made from propylene monomers.



Coffee Cup



I Am Not Paper Cups

- They are made from plant pulp meaning they will decompose in your household compost bin.
- These can also be reused, industrial composted, recycled and will decompose in landfill.
- The lining is made from water-based linings without any bad chemicals (petrochemical) like regular cups.
- These cups are available in 4oz, 8oz, 10oz, 12oz & 14oz.



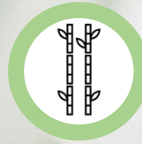
Coffee Lids



I Am Not Paper Lids

- These are made with a water-based lining and vegetable starch.
- These break down easily in a home compost or can be disposed of in the industrial compost, recycle and will decompose in landfill.
- These lids are 80mm and fit all sizes of I am not paper cups.

Milkshake Cups & Lids



Bio PBS Bamboo Paper Cold Cups

- Made from bamboo and lining is Bio PBS
- Polybutylene succinate (PBS) is the biodegradable plastic that decomposes into water and carbon dioxide with the microorganism under the soil. It is both bio based and biodegradable.
- This product is commercially compostable and can be disposed of along with organic waste
- These cups are available in 16oz and 22oz with lid fitting both sizes



Straws



Bamboo Straws

- These straws are bendable, they are tasteless and don't go soggy in liquid.
- They are designed to completely degrade in 90 days in the correct environment.
- Can be used for hot, cold, alcoholic or carbonated drinks.
- These are available in cocktail, regular and jumbo sizes

Carry trays



Recycled Carry Trays

- These trays are made from post-consumer recycled paper pulp.
- This is great as it means no new trees were cut down to make this product. It can be composted or recycled after use.
- It has been made to fit takeaway cups perfectly to avoid spillage.
- These are available in 4 cup and 2 cup trays.





Carry Bags

Paper Bags

- These bags are made from post-consumer recycled FSC™ Certified paper.
- They are home compostable, industrial compostable and recyclable. These bags are also carbon neutral.
- They are available in large and jumbo sizes with rope handle, and a die cut handled bag.



Sauce Containers



Sugarcane Containers & Sugarcane Lids

- These are made from 80% sugarcane and 20% bamboo pulp.
- They are biodegradable, industrial and home compostable.
- They are microwave and oven safe.
- They hold up to 60ml.



Bowls

PLA Bio Bowls

- These bowls are made from bamboo and have a PLA lining, making it suitable for hot and cold foods.
- These are industrial compostable.
- These are available in 500ml, 750ml and 1000ml with a PLA lid to suit.



Hinged Containers



Sugarcane Clam Shells

- Plastic free and made from rapidly renewable sugarcane pulp.
- They are the by-product of the sugar refining industry.
- They are home compostable, recyclable and carbon neutral.
- They are microwave safe and come as a Burger Box, Large Snack Box or Dinner Box.



Rectangle Container

PLA Bio Board Rectangle Container

- Made from sustainably sourced FSC™ certified paper board. They are lined with a bioplastic which is made from plants.
- Should be disposed of in an industrial composting facility and depending on your local council rules these could also be recyclable.
- Paired with the natural PLA paper container lids.
- These containers are available in 500ml, 650ml, 750ml and 1000ml.



Trays



Corrugated Trays

- They are made from FSC certified paper and are commercially compostable and recyclable.
- These trays are available in the following sizes:
 - #1 (165 x 130 x 50mm)
 - #2 (200 x 200 x 45mm)
 - #3 (205 x 160 x 45mm)
 - #4 (250 x 175 x 45mm)
 - #5 (2280 x 205 x 58mm)



Soup Spoons



Bio Cane Chinese Soup Spoon

- This spoon is made from sugarcane pulp and wood pulp.
- This spoon can be home and industrial composted. When cleaned/rinsed it can also be recycled.



Cutlery

Coffee Cutlery

- This cutlery is made from old coffee grounds stopping it from ending up in landfill.
- They are combined with a biodegradable material and decompose in either a home or an industrial composting system. They are dishwasher safe meaning they are reusable.
- They are available in knife, fork and spoon.



Reusable Cups



Joco Cups

- These cups are made from glass and silicone. The decision for silicone is that it is non-toxic and does not degrade into microparticles. By using one cup you are minimising your footprint.
- These are available in 4oz, 6oz, 8oz, 12oz & 16oz sizes



Hand Towel

Slimline Hand Towels

- They are made from 100% recycled paper.
- They are both home and commercially compostable.
- They are available in the Ultra Slimline and Slimline



Wipes



Bamboo Wipes



- They are made from natural bamboo fibre which is a form of bamboo grass pulp.
- They are biodegradable, home compostable and commercially compostable.
- These are free of plastic binding agents.
- This material can replenish at a fast rate.
- They come in blue and green.

Coffee Chemical

Evo Espresso Machine Cleaner

- All ingredients are sustainably sourced, non-GMO and free from phosphates and chlorine.
- All products are biodegradable and certified for use in organic systems.
- Available in 500g or 1kg tubs.



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