

# Plastic Free Events

**95%** of plastic packaging is used once and then thrown away, often as litter.

Organising plastic free events is a great way to reduce this waste and show your community how to be more environmentally friendly - **and it's easy to do!**

## What You Should Avoid



plastic bags



single plastic food ware



plastic straws



plastic takeaway containers



plastic takeaway coffee cups

## 10 Steps To A Plastic Free Event - Your Checklist

- ✓ Advertise and promote your event as plastic free.
- ✓ Provide BYO bags (you could brand these) and reusable water bottles and sell these at the gate for a small fee. Some schools make their own singlet bags for events.
- ✓ Require all vendors to supply only reusable or compostable food ware (plates, knives and forks, spoons, cups and containers). No plastic bags. Vendors/organisers can sell soft drinks/alcohol in bottles and cans. All beverage containers will attract a 10c deposit from July 2018.
- ✓ Provide a water station or hydration station for refillable bottles.
- ✓ Provide only compost and recycling bins on site. Make sure these are well signed. All food and compostable food ware go into compost bins, and soft drink/alcohol containers into recycling. You may decide to provide a garbage bin as well but make this less accessible.
- ✓ Monitor bins throughout the event. Use simple signage. Positioning someone to explain how the bins work is a helpful idea, too.
- ✓ Arrange for your waste service to pick up recycling and compost bins and take them to the appropriate facility. Your event/school may also have its own composting facilities you could use /partially use.
- ✓ If there are no accessible compost facilities in your area, stick with this process as you are still creating a plastic free event. In this instance, your compostables may have to go to landfill. Please follow up with local authorities as to why no facilities are available and try to get these supplied for the future.
- ✓ Use the exercise as an educational opportunity for your students, members or community.
- ✓ Repeat next year!

We use **3 million tonnes** of plastic every year: that's **129kg** per person

**420 million**  
Plastic Bottles

**200 million**  
Packaging Items

**180 million**  
Plastic Bags

**11 billion**  
Cigarette Butts



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