

We're working hard to 'Clean up our ACT' by reducing single-use plastics.

Canberrans are committed to sustainability and want action on single-use plastic products.

Single-use plastics are designed to be used once then thrown away. They create litter or end up in landfill, taking hundreds or even thousands of years to breakdown. By shifting to reusable, recyclable or compostable alternatives, we are ensuring better environmental outcomes for the ACT.



Find out more at:

[www.act.gov.au/single-use-plastics](http://www.act.gov.au/single-use-plastics)

For advice, call the ACT single-use plastics business hotline on 1800 844 946 or email [singleuseplastics@act.gov.au](mailto:singleuseplastics@act.gov.au)

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## STAGE 1 BAN

From 1 July 2021

Businesses in the ACT will no longer be allowed to sell, supply or distribute the following products:

- ✗ single-use plastic cutlery (including bioplastic cutlery)
- ✗ single-use plastic stirrers (including bioplastic stirrers)
- ✗ expanded polystyrene takeaway food and beverage containers.



## STAGE 2 BAN from 1 July 2022

A second tranche of items is expected to be prohibited in the ACT. These may include single-use plastic straws and single-use plastic fruit and vegetable barrier bags.

### What can businesses do to prepare for the ban?

#### Stocktake

Stop ordering these banned items.  
Use up any existing stock before 1 July 2021.

#### Avoidance

Consider the need for alternative items.  
Allow customers to bring their own reusable cup or foodware.

#### Order alternatives

Do it as soon as possible if you need to. You might be able to phase out banned products completely.  
Contact your supplier and ask for a list of options.

#### Decide what to do with excess stock

Don't stockpile unused products as they will be banned from sale, supply or distribution in the ACT from 1 July 2021.

You can contact your supplier for return options if items are in original, unopened packaging.  
If you have bulk stock in storage, you can pass on to franchises or outlets outside the ACT — this is preferable to sending it to landfill.

#### Educate your staff

Tell staff about the new legislation and how your business is going to adhere to the ban.

#### Inform your customers

Help your customers understand the ban.  
Display a poster at point of sale or use other resources at: [www.act.gov.au/single-use-plastics](http://www.act.gov.au/single-use-plastics)



### Can businesses get in trouble for not complying?

The ban is mandatory and penalties can apply for businesses found to be non-compliant. In the first instance, the ACT Government will focus on support and education for businesses to help them comply.



### Where can I find help?

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