









SINGLE-USE PLASTICS BAN

This Document highlights the Do's and Do Not's of the Single-Use Plastics Ban. It includes alternatives that can be used and actions that may be taken if you are found to not be following the new legislation.



Category	You can	You cannot
Plates, bowls and trays		
	<p>You can supply single use plastics if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are supplying them to another business. • The items are packaging (pre-filled or filled at the point of sale. e.g. A pre-filled salad bowl, a plate filled at the counter etc.). 	<p>You cannot supply empty plastic plates, bowls, or trays to the public</p>
Cutlery and balloon sticks		
	<p>There are no exemptions to this ban. Try and find sustainable alternatives such as wood or bamboo.</p>	<p>You must not supply single-use plastic cutlery or balloon sticks</p>
Polystyrene food and drink containers		
	<p>You can supply food or drink in polystyrene containers if it needs further preparation before it is consumed. For example, further preparation could mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding water • Microwaving • Toasting 	<p>You must not supply ready-to-consume food and drink in polystyrene containers. This includes polystyrene cups.</p>



<p>Inspections</p>	<p>Local authorities will carry out inspections to make sure the rules are being followed. Inspectors can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit a shop or store • Make test purchases • Speak to staff • Ask to see records <p>If you have been breaking the regulations, inspectors can order your business to cover the cost of the investigation as well as receive a fine.</p> <p>Complaints about a business breaking the law can be made to trading standards</p>
<p>Appealing a fine</p>	<p>You can appeal within 28 days of getting a fine if you think something is wrong - a letter sent with the fine will tell you how to do this. If you can show that you did everything you reasonably could to avoid breaking any rules, this would be an acceptable defence.</p>
<p>Get help and further information</p>	<p>If you have any questions about what the new rules mean for your business, contact Plastics.Consultation@defra.gov.uk</p> <p>For further information and technical information for manufacturers visit: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/single-use-plastics-bans-and-restrictions</p>

For further help or support, please contact info@gmbcs.gov.uk

