



WA Single-Use Plastic Bans

BANNED 2022

- 1 JULY**
- ✘ Disposable plastic straws and cutlery
 - ✘ Disposable plastic plates and unlidged bowls
 - ✘ Expanded polystyrene food containers/trays
 - ✘ All plastic shopping bags (of any thickness)
- 1 OCT**
- ✘ Disposable plastic cups for cold drinks



BANNED 2023

- 1 SEPT**
- ✘ Plastic microbeads
 - ✘ Cotton buds with plastic stems
 - ✘ Degradable plastics
 - ✘ Loose-fill expanded plastic packaging



BANNED 2024

- 1 MAR**
- ✘ Plastic cups for hot drinks
 - ✘ Plastic cup lids/seals
 - ✘ Unlidged plastic food trays
- 1 SEPT**
- ✘ Non-compostable plastic produce bags (for fresh fruit and vegetables)
 - ✘ Disposable plastic containers and lids (for eat-in and takeaway food)



BANNED 2025

- 1 JULY**
- ✘ Moulded expanded plastic packaging (for non-fragile items under 45 kg)



Plastic-lined paper and compostable plastics are banned for some items. Specific requirements and exemptions apply. Businesses are encouraged to regularly check the website for updates.



Support for business

The Western Australian Government is implementing further bans on single-use plastics from 2023 to 2025.

Through the National Retail Association (NRA), the government is taking an education-first approach to assist retailers and suppliers to understand the ban, their obligations and how to comply.

The NRA team is providing a range of free services for businesses seeking information or advice about the ban. This includes a dedicated website, tollfree hotline for businesses, online information sessions, factsheets, signage, and visits to 4,000 retail stores across Western Australia.

Government, community and industry organisations are encouraged to distribute information about the ban (and the free support services available) to businesses in their network.



Visit *PlasticsBanWA* website for business advice

Community resources

Not-for-profit organisations, community groups and government institutions may also be impacted by the ban. Non-business organisations should visit the website or contact the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) for community information and resources.

Business website

Visit the website for more information and answers to frequently asked questions about the ban.

plasticsbanwa.com.au >



Factsheets and signage

Visit the website to download factsheets, posters and translated resources to help your team and customers prepare for the ban.



Download resources via the website

Information sessions

Attend a free information session to understand the ban. Sessions are held monthly with extra weekly sessions leading up to each ban. Register via the website or here:

<https://bit.ly/wa-plastics-ban> >

Additional sessions are also available on request for industry associations, peak bodies and organisations with large teams or networks.



Additional advice

Tollfree business hotline: [1800 817 723](tel:1800817723)

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