Waste-Wise Events

Information for vendors and stallholders

BASS COAST

Reducing and responsibly disposing of waste is essential to protecting the unique natural environment of our region.

Council has a Single Use Plastic Free Policy, and Council's Event Management Guide includes information to help event organisers, vendors and stallholders minimise waste at events and increase resource recovery. All vendors and stallholders taking part in events within Bass Coast Shire are encouraged to follow these simple guidelines:



No plastic shopping bags



No balloons at outdoor events



No polystyrene food and beverage packaging



No single use plastic straws, cutlery, plates or drink stirrers



No plastic bottled water to be made available for sale



Provide compostable or recyclable packaging wherever possible



Waste must be disposed of appropriately – Be A Good Sort!



The site must be left free from litter



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Reduce waste and litter by avoiding single-use items. Try these alternatives:

Disposable item	Alternative
Balloons	Bubbles, reusable bunting, banners, flags, ribbon sticks or kites
Cable ties (disposable)	Reusable cable ties; string that can be reused and/or is biodegradable (eg jute string)
Candles (electronic)	Mobile phone with light on
Condiments (e.g. sauces, salt, pepper, sugar)	• Provide sauce, salt and pepper in refillable self-serve bottles or containers that can be pumped or tipped out. • Condiments can be added by the food/beverage retailer.
Drink cups and lids/covers	• Encourage customers to BYO reusable cup by offering a discount • Provide beverages in cups without a lid, unless a lid is requested
Items not made from recyclable materials	Items that are made from recycled materials (eg napkins and bags made from recycled paper)
Overly-packaged goods	Goods with no/less packaging
Plastic film or cling wrap	• Reusable containers and food wraps (eg reusable silicon covers or beeswax/soy wraps) for onsite storage
Plastic shopping bags, including showbags	• Encourage event attendees to bring their own bag or carry goods without a bag (if appropriate) • Reusable bags (eg Boomerang Bags) • Have reusable bags available for purchase at the event • Paper bags made from recycled paper
Plastic bottled water	• Provide a portable drinking water trailer – your local water authority may be able to assist • Encourage patrons to bring their own reusable water bottle and provide refilling stations • Canned water can be made available for sale
Polystyrene food boxes, bowls and cups	• Reusable food boxes, bowls and cups • Encourage event patrons to bring their own clean reusable container, plate, bowl, cup, etc* • Paper based items from responsibly sourced materials (eg sugarcane, bamboo)
Drink stirring sticks – plastic	• Sugar stirred in by beverage vendor • Compostable drink stirrers (eg bamboo)
Plastic drinking straws	Reusable, edible or paper straws
Takeaway containers	• Encourage event attendees to bring their own reusable clean container to refill • Have reusable takeaway containers available for purchase • Provide compostable containers rather than single use plastic containers
Waxed cardboard boxes (can't be recycled)	Non-waxed cardboard boxes

*Food safety regulations in Victoria do not prohibit a registered food business from serving food or drink in a container provided by a customer.