Aotearoa New Zealand Single-use plastics ban

From 1 July 2023

the supply of some single-use plastic items will be banned or restricted including:



Plastic Cutlery





Drinking Straws*

Plates and Bowls (without lids)

Produce Bags (for fresh fruit & veg)

With the help of this change we will avoid sending hundreds of millions plastic items to landfill every year.







Support for business

The New Zealand Government is visiting businesses nationwide, holding information sessions and providing a tollfree hotline for businesses.

Further information, resources, signage, and help with choosing alternatives are available on the website.

*Plastic straws can still be supplied at some places for health or disability reasons.

Important: The ban applies even if the item is made from recyclable, biodegradable or compostable plastic (except for produce labels).

Site: environment.govt.nz/plastics

Tollfree hotline: 0800 499 700

Email: plastics@mfe.govt.nz

