

# SINGLE-USE OR REUSABLES

## SINGLE-USE PLASTIC



Used for minutes,  
lasts centuries



Water, carbon and  
land resources  
are needed to  
produce items



Most common  
material found  
polluting rivers  
and oceans

#MySayOnSingleUse

## OTHER SINGLE-USE: PAPER, WOOD, METAL, GLASS



Often hard to  
recycle, so it  
goes to landfill  
or incineration.



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Ends up as  
litter - on land  
and in the sea

## REUSABLES



Using reusable  
items multiple  
times has a lower  
carbon impact than  
single-use items



Saves money  
in the long run



No litter

**MAKES THINGS LAST**



## Steps taken so far



Plastic stemmed cotton buds and microbeads banned



Regulations passed for deposit return scheme



Single-use carrier bag charge



## Current steps

The following items will be banned in Scotland from the 1 June 2022, subject to the UK Internal Market Act 2020.



Plates



Straws\*



Cutlery



Stirrers



Cups and lids made from expanded polystyrene



Balloon sticks\*



Take away containers made from expanded polystyrene

\*Exemptions apply



## Next steps

Taking forward other interventions aligning with the Single-Use Plastics Directive including:



Consumption reduction measures, eg: charging



Separate collection requirements



Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)





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#SingleUsePlasticsBan

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