

## How can you help?

### Attending markets

Bring your own (BYO):

- Reusable, clean food container
- Drink container
- Keep cup for takeaway coffee
- Shopping / carry bags
- Cutlery kit

Encourage others to BYO by sharing your ideas for removing SUPs from daily or social activities

### Organising events

- Promote your event as SUP-free!
- Avoid paper flyers by using e-mailers and social media to promote your event entirely online!
- Avoid plastic promotional merchandise
- Use reusable crockery at tea & coffee mornings
- Finger food wrapped in something edible!
- Serve condiments in large dispensers, rather than individual sachets
- Encourage your patrons to BYO water bottles and keep-cups

### Why switch?

- Plastics use up non-renewable / finite resources and fill the world, including oceans, with litter
- Plastics break down into micro-plastics which don't degrade or dissolve in water and can end up in our food chain
- Plastics harm animals and pollute the environment
- There are many alternatives to plastic – to begin helping our fragile environment, go BYO!

### Need advice or further information?

Contact Council's Environment Officer on 8950 0500, or email to [astc@astc.nt.gov.au](mailto:astc@astc.nt.gov.au)



### Suppliers of alternative products

Alice Hospitality Supplies	<a href="http://www.alicehospitalitysupplies.com.au">www.alicehospitalitysupplies.com.au</a> 08 8955 5388
Biopak (Alice Springs distributor)	<a href="http://www.biopak.com.au">www.biopak.com.au</a> <a href="mailto:info@biopak.com.au">info@biopak.com.au</a>   <a href="mailto:hello@biopak.com.au">hello@biopak.com.au</a> 1300 246 725 Alice Springs contact: <a href="mailto:sales@rockcoffee.com.au">sales@rockcoffee.com.au</a> 0437 291 179
Independent Grocers Alice Springs	<a href="http://www.independentgrocers.com.au/alice-springs">www.independentgrocers.com.au/alice-springs</a> 08 8952 2766
Green Pack	<a href="http://www.greenpack.com.au">www.greenpack.com.au</a> (02) 6680 2550
Vegware	<a href="http://www.vegware.com.au">www.vegware.com.au</a> (02) 9987 0800 <a href="mailto:sales@vegware.com.au">sales@vegware.com.au</a>
Woolworths Supermarkets	<a href="http://www.woolworths.com.au">www.woolworths.com.au</a>



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Just say  
**No thanks!**  
to Single Use Plastic



| Starting today....

...gone by 2021 |

Alice Springs Town Council supports the elimination of Single Use Plastic (SUP) – such as cups, straws, cutlery, and take away food containers – from its services, programs, events and facilities. These changes, which may affect permit holders using Council land or facilities including markets, are aimed at reducing SUP usage and litter in the environment.

# What is Single Use Plastic?

Single use plastic (SUP) is any disposable plastic item that is typically used once before being thrown away, such as straws, coffee cups and food containers.

SUPs are made from petroleum, a non-renewable resource. They contribute to landfill and are commonly discarded as litter which has significant impact on the health of the environment.

## Why is Council doing this?

About 51% of waste volume generated on a typical market day could be composted, plus another 9% recycled\*. Alice Springs Town Council is acting to reduce SUP usage and waste to achieve the goal of living in our desert context with minimal impact.

Council's new guidelines apply to internal staff activities, and also contractors, market vendors and other permit holders using Council venues and outdoor spaces to deliver their programs and events. They do not apply to facilities or land managed by other councils or government authorities.

## Council's SUP-ban applies to:

- Council facilities and land
- Sporting facilities and ovals
- Parks, playgrounds, gardens
- Markets held in the Todd Mall

**Please note:** existing tenancy agreements are exempt from these guidelines, but conditions may be implemented at time of lease renewal.

## Types of plastic

Plastic is a synthetic material made from fossil fuels via a resource-intensive process. Some plastics are made from renewable resources, called bioplastics.

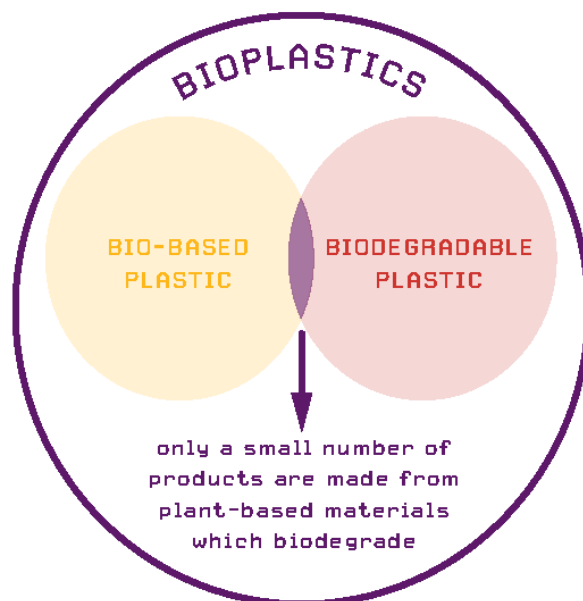
Bioplastics describes the following two types of plastics.

## Bio-based plastics

Plastic made from renewable resources such as sugarcane or wheat. Some products are designed to behave like traditional plastics and not do biodegrade, having the same environmental impacts as traditional plastic.

## Biodegradable plastic:

Plastic that has the potential to break down into its natural components over time. These products can be made from natural or fossil fuel based materials.



## Compostable alternatives

Compostable items are ideal as they will break down fully, returning to their natural state. Compostable items are the most environmentally-friendly option, so please keep an eye out for these symbols:

