

# Choose to reuse

We're banning problematic single-use plastics by February 2023

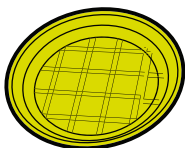
## The ban: which single-use plastics are included?



Straws



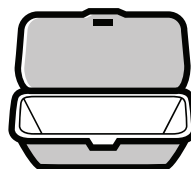
Cutlery



Plates



Drink stirrers



Expanded polystyrene food and drink containers



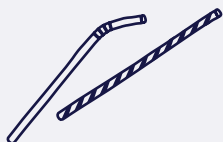
Cotton bud sticks



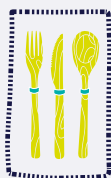
### Health and safety exemptions

The ban will not affect medical or scientific equipment, emergency management services, or people who require specific single-use plastic products due to disability or for health and safety.

## What you can use instead...



Metal, silicone or paper straw



Metal or reusable picnic cutlery



Reusable plates



Spoon or reusable drink stirrer



Reusable food container



Paper, bamboo or reusable silicone buds

Wash well and follow current coronavirus advice at [www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

## What's next?

We're encouraging Victorians to choose to reuse now and we're getting ready for the ban.

We're working with industry and local government to support the transition to reusable products and we'll publicly consult on and finalise the regulations. The ban commences in February 2023.

Find out more at [vic.gov.au/plastics](http://vic.gov.au/plastics)



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