

It's time to **phase out** banned plastic items

In 2022, NSW banned certain single-use plastics including:

- Single-use plastic straws, stirrers and cutlery
- Single-use plastic plates and bowls without lids
- Expanded polystyrene food ware

End of transition period

Businesses were given a two-year transition period to phase out banned plastic items that are sealed in or that are attached to food or drinks by a machine-automated process (known as 'integrated packaging').

On 1 January 2025, the two-year transition period will end.

Integrated packaging examples that will be banned from **1 January 2025**



A **plastic spoon** sealed within the packaging of a snack pack by a machine-automated process A sealed **plastic straw** attached to a juice box by a machine-automated process



What do I need to do?

You need to plan how you'll stop supplying banned plastic items that have been sealed in or attached to food or drink packaging by a machine-automated process.

Organise stocktakes of affected products

Speak to your supplier about alternatives to these products

SUse up your stock of affected products before 1 January 2025

Good to know

- Products that include banned plastic items manually (by hand) sealed in or attached to food or drinks are already banned and cannot be supplied.
- Items made from biodegradable plastic, compostable plastic (including Australian certified compostable plastics) and bioplastics are also banned.



Supplying these products from **1 January 2025** is an offence, and you could be fined. Fines start at **\$1,100** for individuals and **\$5,500** for corporations.



For more information or advice

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