

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Single-use plastics legislation - stage 2

South Australians are continuing their commitment to protecting the environment with stage 2 of the Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020 coming into effect on March 1, 2022. Now is the time to prepare so we can ensure the best environmental outcome for our 'clean and green' state.

What this means to you.

From March 1, 2022, expanded polystyrene cups, bowls, plates, clamshell containers and all oxo-degradable plastic products will be prohibited from sale, supply and distribution. Oxo-degradable products are also prohibited from production and manufacture in South Australia. Many of the prohibited items can be replaced with reusable or compostable alternatives and everyone is encouraged to opt for reusable, recyclable and compostable products where alternatives exist.

Expanded polystyrene products

Alternatives to expanded polystyrene products are available. Talk to your distributor about examples of alternative products your business can use that will make a difference to our environment, reduce litter and help 'replace the waste' in South Australia.



Oxo-degradable plastic products

Oxo-degradable plastic products contain additives enabling the plastic to break down into tiny fragments or microplastics, which do not completely decompose.

This type of plastic is commonly used in items such as:

- Supermarket produce bags
- Plastic shopping bags
- Magazine wraps
- Dry cleaning bags
- Kitchen products
 - Bin liners
 - Garbage bags
 - Piping bags
- Pet products
 - Dog poo bags
 - Litter tray liners
- Packing
 - Bubble wrap
 - Sticking tape
 - Padded envelopes

It will be an offence to sell, supply, distribute, produce or manufacture oxo-degradable plastic products in South Australia from March 1, 2022.

Talk to your suppliers about whether any products you stock are made from or comprise oxo-degradable plastic and order alternatives now so that you can be prepared



What you need to do.

Now is the time to prepare for March 1, 2022, by reviewing any planned orders of expanded polystyrene or oxo-degradable plastic items. Old stock cannot be used up after March 1 2022 and fines may be issued from that date. Speak to your suppliers now about ordering alternatives, and start to educate your staff and inform your customers.

Support and advice.

Call us on +61 8 8204 2051

Email the South Australian Government for single-use plastics advice: sup@sa.gov.au

Visit www.ReplaceTheWaste.sa.gov.au for suggested alternatives, supplier lists, support materials and more information.

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