



Ashbourne Town Council

Single Use Plastic
Policy

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Signed(Mayor)



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Introduction

A **Ashbourne Town Council recognises the.....
The Council supports the Government's aim of eliminating consumer single-use plastic from office by 2020.**

B **Defining single-use plastic**

'Single-use plastic' is a wide-ranging term. It includes all products made wholly or partly of plastic, which are typically intended to be used just once and / or for a short period of time before being disposed of.

For the sake of this policy, we are focussed on removing 'consumer single-use plastics' i.e. plastics which are used by consumers as opposed to plastics with applied or industrial uses, such as toner cartridges.

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"Avoidable", meaning the use of a product made of a certain material is not essential. An example would be plastic cutlery, for which single-use wooden cutlery or re-usable metal cutlery are readily available alternatives.

Plastics used for catering:

- Single-use sachets (e.g. coffee pods, sauces, milk)
- Take-away cutlery, boxes and plates
- Cups made wholly or partially from plastic
- Water bottles
- Straws and stirrers

Plastics used for cleaning:

- Single-use containers (e.g. hand soap, cleaning products)
- Wipes containing plastic

Plastics used around the office:

- Envelopes
- Plastic wrapping for brochures

Plastics used in packaging:

- Single-use packaging from deliveries, where avoidable
- Single-use carrier bags. We will apply this policy to all relevant sourcing of new requirements and suppliers

As a minimum, we will replace single-use plastics with viable alternatives, such as compostable materials, unless there are compelling circumstances in operational and custodial properties that prevent us from doing so. In the long-term, we will aim to reduce and remove avoidable disposable products altogether and instead encourage more sustainable practices.

The goal of removing single-use plastic must not be done in a vacuum; wherever plastic is being removed or replaced with an alternative, we will ensure that an appropriate waste removal procedure (if required) is put in place and adequate signage.

The use on single-use plastic does not include plastic brought in by staff. However, staff will encourage staff to reduce the amount of plastic brought in by raising awareness, encouraging behaviour change.

The Single Use Plastic Policy was Resolved by Ashbourne Town Council on

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