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Australia,
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you covered.

Western Australia is taking action against single-use problematic plastics with new legislation.

Further legislation is coming into effect throughout 2024, with bans in March and September.

Rest assured, Detpak has you covered with our extensive range of compliant packaging solutions.

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Summary of single-use plastic bans

Discover your compliant alternatives to banned single-use plastic products.



What's happening in Western Australia:

Since 1st September 2023, the following items have been banned:

- Degradable plastics
- Loose-fill expanded plastic packaging (eg. EPS, EPE, EPP, EVA, bio-based foam)
- Cotton buds with plastic stems
- Plastic microbeads in rinse-off personal care or cleaning products
- EPS cups and EPS trays (including pre-packaged meat & seafood)

Further items will be banned in March 2024, September 2024 and July 2025.

From 1st March 2024, the following items will be banned:

- Takeaway coffee cups (excl. AS certified pre-packaged & lined paper cups)
- Hot & cold cup lids (incl. lined paper)/ exempt pre-packaged & pre-packed)
- Non pre-packed produce bags (excl. raw meat)
- Plastic trays for takeaway food not covered in the Stage 1 ban
- Fruit and vegetable produce bags, including compostable plastic

From 1st September 2024, the following items will be banned:

- Lids, windows and heat-sealed film for takeaway food containers, trays and bowls (excl. AU certified lined paper lids)
- Lidded food containers, trays and bowls for takeaway and eat-in applications. There is a limited exclusion that allows plastic lids/windows for takeaway food that is pre-packed and placed on display for sale.

From 1st July 2025, the following items will be banned:

- Moulded expanded plastic packaging (including all forms of expanded plastic eg. EPS, EPE, EPP and bioplastic foam).










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**Compostable: Compostable packaging must be certified as compostable to AS 4736 (industrial) or AS 5810 (home). Not all biodegradable products are compostable and not all compostable products are completely biodegradable. Detpak compostable classified products are AS 4736:2006 (industrial compostability) and/or AS 5810:2010 (home compostability) certified.*

Note: Exempt in WA. Pre-packaged containers & lids (Pre-packaged: Food is prepared off-site and delivered into store. Container & Lid are both exempt from ban.) Pre-packed lids only (Pre-packed: Food is prepared in-store ahead of time. Food visibility is essential for customer. The lid is exempt from the ban, not the container.)

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CATEGORY	BANNED ITEM	COMPLIANT ALTERNATIVE	BAN EFFECTIVE
Shopping Bags 	Plastic Shopping Bags	Paper Shopping Bags	Already Banned
Utensils 	Plastic Cutlery & Stirrers	Wooden Cutlery	
	Plastic Straws	Paper Straws	
Cold Cups 	Plastic Lined Paper Cold Cups	Compostable* lined paper cold cups (PLA, Aqueous, PBS etc.)	Banned March 2024
	Clear Plastic Cold Cups		
Hot Cups 	Plastic Lined Paper Hot Cups	Compostable* lined paper hot cups (PLA, Aqueous, PBS etc.)	
Cup Lids 	Plastic Cup Lids	Uncoated Fibre, Bagasse or Sugarcane cup lids	
	Plastic Lined Paper Lids		
Bowls & Plates 	Plastic Bowls & Plates	Compostable* lined cardboard bowls & plates (PLA, Aqueous, PBS etc.)	
	Plastic Lined Cardboard Bowls & Plates	Bagasse / sugarcane bowls & plates	
Food Containers 	Plastic Containers	Compostable* lined cardboard containers	
	Plastic Lined Cardboard Containers / Trays	Bagasse / sugarcane bowls & plates	
Bowl & Container Lids 	Plastic Lids	Compostable* lined cardboard lids	
	Plastic Lined Cardboard Lids	Bagasse / sugarcane lids	
Produce Bags 	Plastic Produce Bags	Paper Bags	
		Compostable* Plastic Bags	

Definitions & Exemptions:

Eat-in food means food that is intended to be eaten at the premises at which it is supplied, including restaurants, food courts, markets or anywhere food is typically consumed on the premise.

Takeaway food means food in which the whole item is typically consumed soon after purchase without any further preparation, ingredients or components. Items that are not likely to be considered takeaway food (and therefore not included in the ban) include:

- foodstuffs which are typically used as an ingredient or component of another dish (e.g. olives, cheese, salami, sauce, dip, a plain bread roll)
- food that needs further preparation, cooling or heating before being consumed (e.g. a cold meat pie)
- food which is not typically consumed whole or in one sitting (e.g. a multi-serve tub of yoghurt, multi-pack of cookies or bread rolls, bulk pack of fruit pieces, large cake).

Pre-packaged product means a product that:

(a) arrives at the premises from which it is to be supplied to a consumer in a container or packaging in or by which the product is wholly enclosed, whether or not it is also in an outer container or packaging that contains multiple units of the product.

(b) is not designed to be removed from its container or packaging, other than any outer container or packaging, before it is supplied to the consumer.

For example, a pre-packaged product is something made and packaged offsite and not modified prior to sale to the customer, such as a sandwich or salad made and packaged at a bulk food manufacturer and then delivered to multiple stores to be placed on shelf. If the food is a pre-packaged product, then the ban does not apply and both the base and lid of the foodware can remain plastic. Please consider the most appropriate packaging for your circumstances and avoid using plastic where possible.

Pre-packed takeaway food:

(a) means takeaway food that is prepared in advance and placed into foodware before being put on display for selection by a consumer

(b) does not include takeaway food that is prepared or placed into foodware following an order or request by a consumer.

For example, pre-packed takeaway food is a sandwich, salad or yoghurt made on the premises, packed ahead of time, and placed on display for customers to purchase later (e.g. grab-and-go service). If this is the case, the foodware base must comply with the ban, but the lid or window can remain plastic if desired. This ensures pre-packed takeaway food can remain visible with a transparent plastic lid or window so customers can select it from display.

*Information current as at 7 December 2023.
Subject to legislative changes.
Refer to website for more information.*



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