

UC'S SINGLE USE PLASTICS POLICY

A guide for students and student organizations

ABOUT THE POLICY

The UC Single-Use Plastics Policy aims to prohibit or eliminate the purchase and use of various single-use plastics, which are a major source of pollution, environmental degradation, and human health impacts. For more detailed information check out the [UC Sustainable Practices Policy](#).

- As an individual student - try to bring your own reusable
- As a student organization -
 - Preferred: Use reusables that can be washed or used multiple times
 - Acceptable: Use 100% fiber-based compostable foodware products

Plastic (not permissible)	Alternative (preferred)	Alternative (acceptable)
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Plastic bag



Reusable bags or
Do not provide bags
or
Available by request

or



Unbleached, fiber-based paper bag



Plastic plates & bowls



Provide reusable plates/bowls for plated dinners (see [Green Events Guide](#))

or



Compostable plates/bowls (request 100% fiber-based compostable options from caterers)



Plastic hot/cold cups



Reusable Cups

or



Paper, Compostable Cups



Plastic hot/cold cup lids



Do not provide lids or Available only on request

or



100% fiber based hot/cold cup lids



Plastic utensils



Reusable utensils

or



Fiber-based utensils



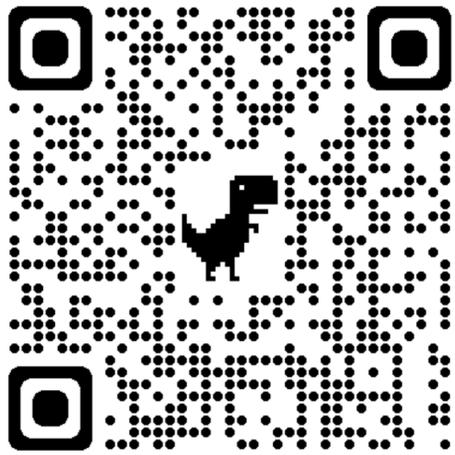
Takeout from restaurants with food in plastic containers



Order from restaurants with plastic-free options
or
Decline/Request that vendors do not include any plastic foodware accessory items (e.g. straws, utensils, stirrers)
or
Bring your own reusables & compostables



HOSTING AN EVENT?



Request AS Recycling's Event Service that will provide recycling, compost, and trash bins. Additionally, they will hand-sort through the material after the event to ensure proper disposal of materials

MORE RESOURCES

- Hydration Stations: Eliminate plastic water bottles by utilizing hydration stations on campus
- Source Reduction: review how UCSB is committed to reducing resources
- Zero Waste Committee: A student group dedicated to reaching the UC system-wide goal of Zero Waste



Questions or comments?

Please email asrecycling@as.ucsb.edu

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