

How to be Waste Wise

Ideas to reduce or avoid waste

- Plastic bags, balloons, straws, polystyrene cups, plastic takeaway food containers, sachets and plastic cutlery are not allowed at Council-run or Council-supported events.
- Consider offering reusable items, like cups, for a deposit.
- Provide a water dispenser or water refilling station to reduce purchase of bottled water.
- Divert food scraps and compostable materials from landfill by using FOGO bins.
- Use event advertising to remind people to bring their own bags, drink bottles, cups, plates, and cutlery to the event.

Need bins for your event?

- Organise for Veolia to drop off FOGO, recycling and general rubbish bins (call 132955).
- Alternatively, compostable materials can be collected and dropped off at Kingborough Waste Services, 1922 Channel Highway, Barretta.

Calculating how many bins

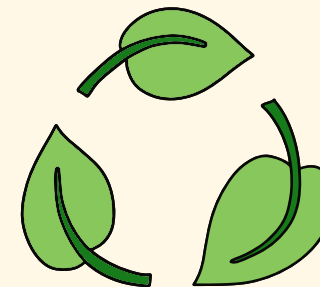
The general rule is to expect a minimum of one litre of waste per person per meal.

As an example: 1,000 people x 1 meal times = 1,000 litres of estimated waste.

Veolia will be able to recommend which bins will suit your event's needs.



Waste Wise Events Hints and Tips



Waste minimisation and environmental considerations are an integral part of every event.

Kingborough Council has developed a [Waste Wise Policy](#) for Council-run and Council-supported events and all public events held on Council owned property or public open space.

This brochure provides event organisers and Council staff with practical tips to manage and reduce waste at community events.

Key aspects of a Waste Wise event include:

- Event organisers plan to avoid and minimise waste and use reusable, recyclable (glass or aluminum) or compostable packaging and serviceware
- All plastic packaging and plastic materials used must be certified as compostable and made from 100% renewable resources
- Event attendees are encouraged to reduce their waste through the provision of information, infrastructure and facilities
- There is an emphasis on the use of re-usable, recyclable, or compostable products
- There is good signage and placement of bins to enable discarded materials to be separated and recycled, composted or disposed of responsibly.

PACKAGING ALTERNATIVES

NON-BIODEGRADABLE PACKAGING	COMPOSTABLE ALTERNATIVE
Plastic plate or takeaway container	Paper, palm leaf or sugarcane plate, paper noodle box, cardboard food tray, corn-starch container
Polystyrene/plastic cup	Paper cup (cold drinks), sugarcane cup (for cold and hot drinks)
Plastic cutlery	Wooden, bamboo or corn-starch cutlery
Aluminium food bags	Cardboard tray or paper bag
Cling wrap	Cellophane wrap (made from cellulose)
Plastic bags	Corn-starch bags and paper bags Ask customers to bring their own bag or supply paper bag



Compostable bioplastic products that are certified under one of the following certifications; AS5810, AS4736, ASTM D6400, and EN13432 can be composted. There are a number of packaging suppliers in Tasmania.

For more information on Waste Wise events, contact Council's Community Services unit 6211 8200 or kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au

AVOID THESE	ALTERNATIVES
Non-essential disposable plastics and packaging	Re-usable items. Where plastic packaging is essential, it must be constructed from 100% renewable resources and must be certified as compostable
All polystyrene including clamshells, plates, bowls & cups	Encourage customers to bring their own servingware, coffee cups and containers. Use cardboard clams, plates, bowls, cups, paper bags. Offer on a serviette
Aluminium foil trays/plates	Re-usable/washable trays, cardboard trays
Pre-wrapped or plastic straws	No straws or compostable paper straws
Balloons	Reusable bunting on pinwheels, tissue paper pom poms, painted rocks, bubbles
Plastic cutlery including stirrers for hot drinks	Provide wooden bamboo and washable cutlery for use at stall
Polystyrene boxes	Ask suppliers for cardboard boxes
Individual sauce, sugar, salt and pepper sachets	Provide bulk shakers or dispensers
Coffee cup lids	Provide only upon request. Offer a discount to customers who bring their own coffee cups