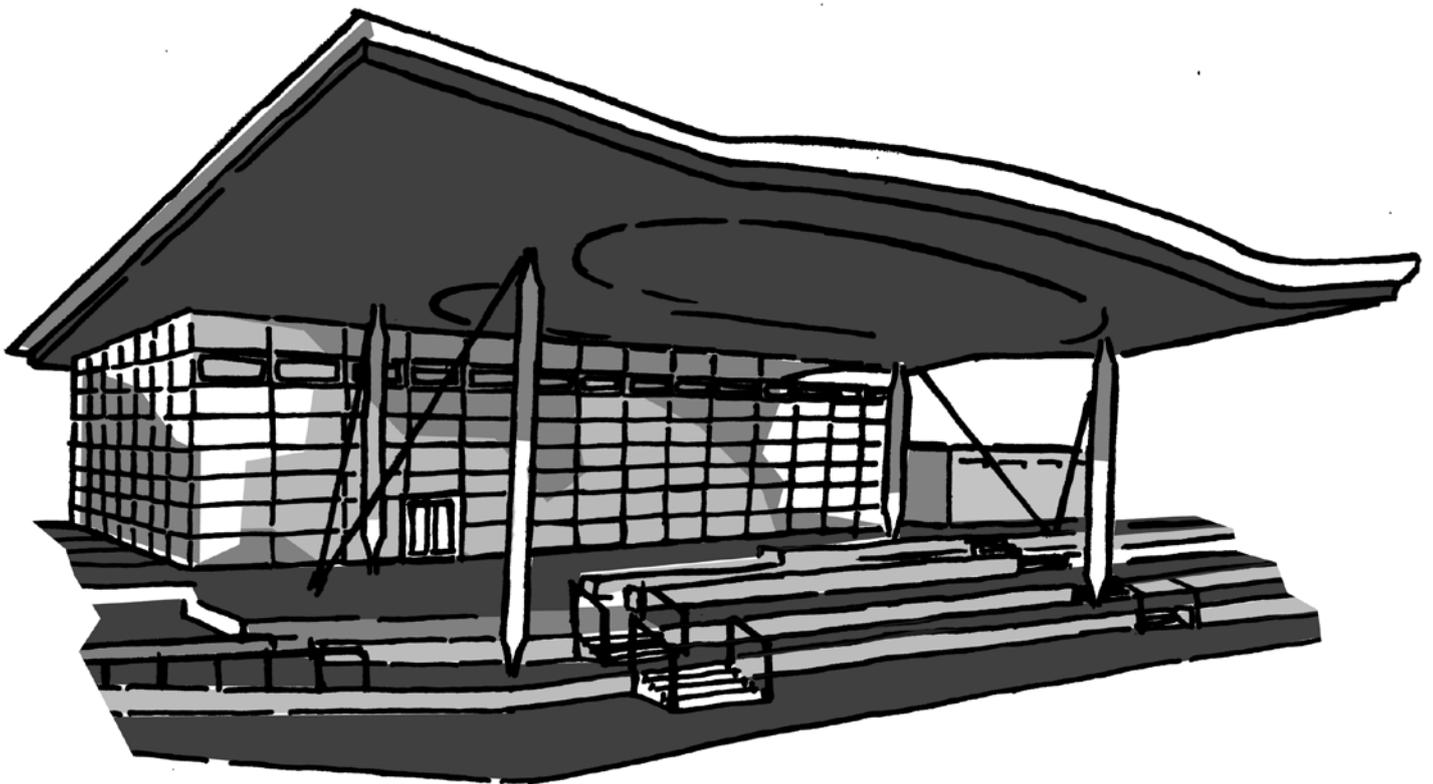




Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Reducing Single Use Plastics

Proposals to ban or limit the sale
of 9 single use plastic products in Wales



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Welsh Government

OVERVIEW – What we want to do

Plastic is everywhere.

This is because it is cheap, easy to make and can be useful.

Some plastic can not be recycled so it ends up in the rubbish tip.



Sometimes people just throw it in the street or flush it down the toilet, which is bad for the environment.

The Welsh Government has made a list of some of the plastic products it thinks are a problem and wants to stop being thrown away.

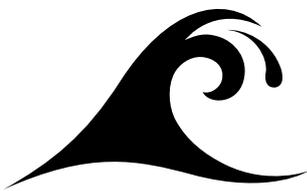


We want your views on this list and if you think it will help us to look after our seas and beaches and protect our wildlife.

Introduction

The problem with Single Use Plastic

Plastic can play an important role in our daily lives, but some plastic products are thrown away after one use.



When dropped on the floor, they can go into drains and rivers and then washed into our seas and onto our beaches.

Beach litter picks often find lots of single use plastic products that people have thrown away after eating food or having a drink.



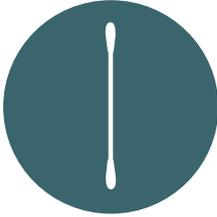
Other plastic products are flushed down the toilet and get into the sea by the sewer.

This plastic could then be eaten by sea animals and could make them ill.



Plastic rubbish washed on to our beaches makes them dirty and unpleasant to go to.

Here is a list of the single use plastic products the Welsh Government would like to do something about.



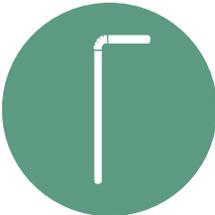
Plastic stemmed cotton buds.



Plastic spoons, knives, and forks.



Drink stirrers.



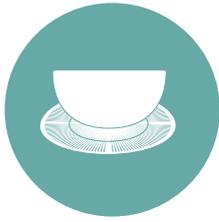
Straws.



Single use cups made of polystyrene.



Takeaway food containers made of polystyrene.



Plastic plates.



Balloon sticks.

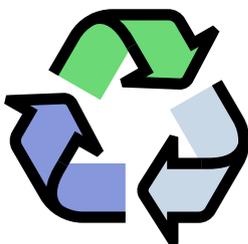


We will also ban things made of oxo-degradable plastic.

Oxo-degradable means it breaks down into smaller pieces but never goes away. These small pieces can hurt animals and plants.

What we want to do

We want to make a new law that will stop people selling these single plastic products or make it harder for them to sell.



RECYCLE

We want people to buy products that are better for the environment, can easily be recycled or even be reused more than once.

By doing this we will reduce the amount of single use plastic products being thrown away and ending up on our streets and beaches.

How to respond



There are a number of questions for you to answer at the end of this document.

You can do this by filling in the sheets below and sending them back in the post or by email.



You can also go to our website.

Further information and related documents

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

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Please fill in the details below, and return with the Questions.

Name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Type of Organisation:

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Question 1

Do you agree with our plan to reduce the amount of single use plastic in Wales?

Yes

No

Don't know

If no, could you tell us why?

Question 2

Can you think of any other single use plastic items we should include on the list we gave you at the beginning of this questionnaire?

Yes

No

Don't know

If you said yes, could you tell us what?