

PLASTIC FREE MAUI

A guide to complying with Maui's single use disposable plastic ban, Bill 52

Why plastic?

Because of its ability to break down into small and microscopic fragments that persist for decades, plastic disposable foodware has significant negative impacts on the environment, contributes to the potential death of marine animals and avian populations through ingestion, and has been found to be ingested by humans in microplastic form through the food chain. Plastic disposable foodware, such as straws, has also been found to cause significant physical harm to marine animals and avian populations prior to and after breaking down into fragments.

What to know

Plastic disposable foodware will not be allowed to be sold, used, provided or offered the use of within Maui County. See the next page for banned items and permitted alternatives.



Non-plastic utensils, straws, coffee stirrers, cocktail picks, and chopsticks, must only be provided upon by request or provided in a self-service area or dispenser.



Effective date, January 1st, 2022



Please see bill for exemptions, including but not limited to pre-packaged food items.

YES

Permitted disposable alternatives to fossil-fuel-based disposable plastic food ware and service ware.



Plant fiber based products such as bowls, trays, clamshells and plates



Unlined or plant starch lined (PLA) paper products



100% plant starch (PLA) based products



Utensils made from plant fibers, wood or 100% plant starch (PLA)



Straws & stir sticks made from paper, plant fiber or 100% plant starch (PLA)

NO

Banned fossil-fuel-based disposable plastic food ware and service ware



Fossil-fuel-based plastic clamshells, hinged containers, bowls and plates.



Fossil-fuel-based plastic cups and lids.



Fossil-fuel-based plastic lined paper products such as trays, cold cups, hot cups boxes and plates (feels waxy)



Fossil-fuel-based plastic utensils, including forks, spoons, knives, sporks, straws, stir sticks, picks and chopsticks