



Single-use items waste reduction strategy

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Should the City take action to reduce garbage from single-use items? Why or why not?

Responses that indicated yes:

- Too much of it ends up in the oceans.
- Yes, to save the environment and educate citizens.
- because they are hard to recycle and they destroy the environment for centuries.
- Single use items are a large source of preventable waste. By reducing the use of these items we can eliminate unnecessary waste entering our landfills and polluting the environment
- I support reducing plastic waste and sustainability but plastic straws are vital for some people with disabilities and I do not support a ban on them. There are more impactful ways to address sustainability without hurting disabled people.
- Calgary's landfills are becoming dangerously full and we must ensure the health of our environment for future generations.
- We don't need to use plastic bags for our shopping - paper bags work too.
- Yes! It is important that we do our part to reduce waste, and individuals cannot be expected to do this alone. Governments like the City of Calgary should provide citizens with support needed to reduce waste.
- we need to take very progressive steps to help any way we can with the environment
- Reduce plastic in landfills and reduce costs for recycling
- Single use plastic items that do not easily biodegrade are poisoning the environment.
- Plastic is killing the environment. I don't see why recyclable containers and cups can't be used instead.
- Fundamentally it costs me money as a taxpayer to fund large landfills composed of single use items. We can do better. It's also, on principle, the right approach to managing limited resources and minimizing waste handling.
- Plastic pollution affects natural ecosystems and human health



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- It's a huge problem for the environment and our health (plastics in foods). Every level of govt should do what it can to encourage companies to stop using plastic products.
- Biodegradable bags
- Wasteful and not environmentally responsible
- We know it's a problem and there are lots of good remedies. People just need a little shove to do the right thing.
- The city has a responsibility to inspire safer/ cleaner / sustainable options, over price, and set an example of how change can be evoked and encouraged.
- These items are literally destroying the environment. They are recent conveniences, something we have lived without using, but have chosen to include in our lifestyles. We should change.
- Less garbage, reduce cost to those who reuse, recycle & donate
- Yes, we only have a limited amount of time to act on the environment.
- It's the responsibility of our generation
- The reasons listed as well as reducing GHG emissions and waste from plastics manufacturing.
- Don't want to fill the landfill with single use items.
- Some things can be reduced, majority of plastic grocery bags . However meat should still be plastic bagged due to bacteria. These things should be recycled. All items below should be recycled
- i care about the environment, however I am very hesitant about bans since disable people rely upon plastics a lot
- Waste from single-use items (particularly hard-to-recycle and unrecyclable waste) is one of the biggest ecological problems facing the planet and our collective future right now. It is a choice. We can change our habits. The city can be a steward of that.
- Yes, reduce plastic because it is bad for the environment and create more clarity about how to recycle (I've heard rumours from multiple people that the city actually just throws most recycling out)
- I cared before the IPCC report came out, but the report has added to my conviction we all have to our part to mitigate climate change.
- We have numerous sustainability plans and strategies but few tactics to put those into action in meaningful ways. The City has the power and the responsibility to act in the public interest
- Yes, those items have a great impact in the environment and their disposal is expensive.
- Reduce litter around city. Reduce waste that needs to be handled. Reduce plastic that is difficult to handle. Reduce styrofoam that's impossible to handle
- too much goes in the black bin. more should be recyclable or eliminated. make manufacturers responsible to change packaging to be recyclable.
- The amount of litter found downwind from fast food and convenience stores is disturbing.
- It should be considered part of our action towards Climate Change, and regular waste reduction efforts. An outright ban may not work, but steps to ensure more sustainable trash should be a minimum.



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- Because reducing our waste is becoming a more achievable concept, and we'd be ignorant to not look into how to reduce our waste and carbon footprint
- The municipal government has the responsibility to create a city that is environmentally responsible. For now and for future generations of Calgarians.
- anything to assist the environment is worth a try
- The city looks trashy with litter everywhere, much of it being paper cups, plastic bags, etc. It will help clean the city for sure.
- To reduce garbage in the landfills.
- We have an environmental responsibility. Force businesses to innovate how they package and recycle.
- It's out tax dollars that pay to collect and process each item.
- It is wasteful and the stuff that doesn't make it into the garbage is an eyesore in our public spaces. There is also a cost to the city to collect the trash created by these items that go to public garbage bins in our parks and pathways.
- Single use plastic is incredibly harmful to the environment. Banning single use plastic in Calgary would be a big step forward to a greater positive impact on the environment, a cleaner city and more satisfied citizens!
- the environment is dying
- Plastic is poison and it doesn't kill individual but kills the masses and so it has to be stopped.
- We need to take steps to reduce our plastics consumption
- Our poor planet and its wonderful creatures are dying because of human laziness and ignorance. We need to educate and have more options for reuse and recycling and businesses should lead the way by eliminating things like straws!
- They cause a lot of pollution. Many cities have shown that banning the sale and use of single use items is not impossible. They are not necessary and have many readily available alternatives available.
- With the rapid fill in the landfill, plastic and single-use items are only going to continue to harm the environment.
- Individuals need to step up and make changes in their own lives but policy put in place to help mitigate waste needs to come from our city. It's not enough to rely on the individual. We all have a role to play and the city is to create policy
- There is so much unnecessary plastic in our community
- Not sustainable
- It takes energy, time, and ultimately money to dispose of our garbage. Single-use items in our garbage are significantly contributing to this problem and there are so many alternatives to them. We need legislation that encourages consumers to shift!
- Plastic waste is a serious issue for our environment and health. Several jurisdictions in Canada have already moved forward towards implementing a plastic waste reduction strategy. Calgary must show leadership & join this movement rather than be a laggard



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- Because it'd be great to pass a healthy planet onto future generation. At the rate of waste our society currently has, this is unlikely.
- Single-use plastics are used by so many people and they pile up in our landfills, using up a lot of resources, polluting air and water quality, and harming animals.
- Because the earth is dying
- Reduce unnecessary garbage going to landfill
- We can not continue to pollute our natural world for the sake of convenience. We have to take action.
- The earth is finite. Single use items fill up landfills, streets, forests. We need to work on a circular economy vs a disposable one.
- Public education is really important as well as holding business that use these items accountable will make the biggest difference
- Because these items are over produced and essentially useless. We need someone to step up and regulate these things while we still have time.
- There needs to be regulations to encourage individuals and corporations to take measures to reduce plastic consumption and pollution in the city.
- We only get one planet.
- Single use cutlery and straws litter the city. It's gross to see and harmful for the environment.
- All the bullet points listed in the intro - unnecessary waste, contamination, litter. These reasons in addition to the energy and resources to create the product. Calgary has the opportunity to reduce this waste and could be seen as a community leader.
- It is very wasteful - the embedded energy that goes into the single use, can not be reclaimed. Microbeads are polluting our personal and extended environment to a point where our oceans and food systems are a serious risk.
- Because billions of waste that are in our ocean and landfill are because of single-use items.
- We only have one world!
- These plastics are designed to be used once and then discarded, the culture has adapted to this lifestyle but we can just as easily adapt to a reusable lifestyle. Single use items are difficult to "dispose" of and a waste of resources.
- Wasteful and damaging to the environment.
- Because plastic is destroying our ecosystems and it's easily avoidable
- This is critical to the health & safety of our planet and future generations. Reducing garbage from single use items is an integral first step in getting as close to zero-waste as possible.
- There are way too many single-use garbage items left lying on the streets, sidewalks, and in parks. They also leak out or fly away from garbage trucks and bins and cause extra pollution.
- Our linear economy of overconsumption is not leading towards a sustainable future. People can easily live more Eco conscious after a simple adjustment to their lives. We can be more mindful and follow the 3R's taught in school. Reduce, reuse, recycle!



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- This is a global problem we need to tackle on all levels. Calgary can be a leader for others.
- This is super important!
- Reduce overall plastic pollution in our city and reduce spending for additional landfills
- Continuing to use non biodegradable plastic at the levels we do is unsustainable for the environment and is causing too much harm when there are other options that could be available. Just because it is easy does not mean it's good.
- Would like to be perceived as a progressive city in environmental matters.
- Too many places still use styrofoam and consumers don't take responsibility for their choices.
- Plastic is the devil and so inefficient long term, we all know that by now.
- Less waste = more environmentally friendly
- I believe there are quite a few options to replace single use plastics, and there needs to be systems in place to incorporate them, for example there are compostable takeout containers but i don't believe the city accepts them in the compost program.
- Sometimes you need to force change for the better!
- It's the right thing to do, benefits everyone and has no significant negative consequences.
- There are readily available substitutions. Continuing to use these items is the very definition of wasteful.
- To help cut back on landfill waste and plastic pollution that ends up in our environment.
- We need to eliminate plastics from the landfills for ourselves and future generations
- it is the responsibility of all of us, but you (the city) have the ability to make radical change at a level the individual simply can't.
- unnecessary waste costs us all money
- It's time something be done. There's litter everywhere, and there aren't always convenient places for people to dispose of the plastic retailers and food/beverage companies give us.
- We are filling the landfill with single use items it all should be recycleable.
- The planet is choking on single use items and the flow needs
- So we don't kill ourselves.
- Because the earth is dying
- It's a problem that will only keep growing and needs to be addressed as soon as possible
- Yes and No. We should always try to reduce our waste, but we should be looking into new ways to use our waste to create energy. In Sweden, they recycle as much as they can, reduce single-use items, and reuse their extra garbage for fuel.
- We need to act quickly to mitigate climate change and our impact on the environment. Single use plastics are one big factor that we can easily change.
- Most single use can be recycled or avoided!
- I think that the problem starts with the companies that create the packaging & they need some motivation to change their ways.
- too much plastic in the world. We need to do our part.



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- Single use items generate a lot of unnecessary plastic waste.
- Very difficult presently to avoid these items, which seem needlessly wasteful.
- Reduce pollution to the environment
- Save the planet!
- Because plastic is a major contributor to pollution, and its production uses valuable resources.
- Because it's important to reduce our waste.
- Single use waste makes up an alarming amount of household trash. I've personally cut way back and I'd still say it's 70% of my household waste and recycling.
- Yes, because so much is unrecycleable and unnecessary.
- Huge form of litter. Huge plastic waste.
- Because we have to start somewhere.
- We use so many single use items each day, banning straws isn't even 1% of the solution.
- To reduce landfill waste, and the impact on the environment.
- I love the earth and ocean
- To reduce material sent to landfill and litter (especially litter that ends up in waterways)
- We all use far too much plastic
- Reduces waste
- To reduce the impact on the environment and reduce landfill waste.
- I think we need to maximize ways we can reduce our use of plastic before reuse and recycle, it is critical and the city can help. There needs to be incentives for businesses who ditch single use plastic, and ways to encourage takeout places to use others
- there is a ridiculous amount of single-use items at events that I go to, and there is no incentive for organizers to reduce them
- Our earth is drowning in plastic. This decision is wonderful and overdue.
- It is important that we start to take accountability for our actions and the impact they have in the earth. It is 2018 and the fact that we are still actively using single use plastics and items is appalling.
- There are many alternatives to single-use options, either compostable or reusable, that using plastic ones doesn't make as much sense anymore. Compostable coffee cups, stir sticks, utensils, etc might cost more but phasing out would reduce waste.
- A lot of companies are not willing to participate in the reduction of waste unless the rules are legislated. I think it's time for the City to ensure less waste is produced in the fast food/coffee industry.
- Because we owe it to the environment. If we all made a small Yerba conscious effort to be mindful of the amount of waste we produce, we could make such a huge impact!
- Without regulation, only diehard zero waste enthusiasts will reduce single use plastic waste. For the sake of our planet, we need government to get on board.
- To prevent all these single use items from ending up in the landfill



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- They ought to be incorporated through Extended Producer Responsibility measures, provincially, nationally and internationally (lol), one day!
- Plastic is a nightmare on the environment and sending it to the dump does nothing. We need a solution to lesson our impact on the planet.
- Because single use plastics are not a long term strategy for the planet or the use of oil to create these plastics
- a big factor in our likely extinction
- The amount of waste we generate is harming our planet and ecosystems. We need strong leadership, policies and programs from our municipal government ASAP.
- Environmental pollution. It's untenable to supply customers with plastics that are used for ten minutes, yet take millions of years to degrade, and end up in our own food chain. Very harmful!
- plastic doesnt break down.
- We aren't behind compared to many other cities!
- It is no longer up to individuals to be responsible for pollution and climate change. We need governments to take action and create policy to support this. I want Calgary to be among the cities in this cause and be a leader for how sustainability can work
- It is a responsible strategy
- The City and businesses need to. Many households, including ourselves, have made steps to reduce or eliminate use of these and many more items.
- it will provide a framework and encourage all to come on board to reduce their unnecessary consumption. As a consumer, I wish that more disposable/plastic-free packaging products were available. I don't need a bag inside a bag inside a box for most needs.
- Protect environment - reduce garbage
- Every step we can take towards waste reduction is crucial to the future of the environment
- Our society uses far too much single use plastic, and a lot of it ends up as litter.
- We should be looking to reduce waste and reduce harm on the environment.
- Non-recycleable plastics are killing our planet and we need to do everything in our power to tackle this issue by implementing strategies to reduce this kind of unnecessary waste.
- I am not confident that packagers will be motivated to change without the cities influence. I would also like to see the city initiate action on items that cannot be recycled in our recycling facilities (coffee cup lids).
- Single use items create a lot of garbage! We have big purses so lets make use of them and carry reusable items.
- Plastics are a bane on the earth, and single-use ones are even moreso.
- It is in everyone's interest, citizen and city alike to reduce this kind of garbage as much as possible.
- Single use items are just too wasteful.
- Single-use plastics are harmful to our health and the environment - not to mention unnecessary - and policies help drive consumption changes fastest



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- Because single-use items are far too accessible. If the people of Calgary had to put more thought into going out for coffee, they could simply grab the reusable mug on their counter instead of disregarding it.
- Single use plastics are found everywhere in our environment, since they are not recyclable. These items slowly break down over time and end up in organisms apart of the ecosystem and then eventually us. We are slowly dying from single use plastics.
- They are so wasteful. It's awful to think of all the energy and resources used to create an item that is used for mere minutes or even seconds. The waste and pollution produced in the manufacturing, transporting and then disposal of these item
- If there's a way that we can do without these items then we should
- We need to help our environment, if we don't take action we're only going to make it worse.
- Not being overly environmental, single use plastics are still blatantly wasteful and hard to stomach.
- There is no reason why we should be using single use plastic. It's easy to carry utensils in a purse, satchel, or backpack.
- institutional action has to be taken to eliminate waste because consumer choice alone cannot mitigate waste created by corporations
- Reduce then reuse and recycle. We need to drastically cut down especially from take out/coffee shops. With the overpopulation and the increase of waste this change needs to happen now before its too late.
- It is ESSENTIAL that single-use items be eliminated where possible and made recyclable/compostable where not. Please keep our Earth clean for the generations to come! I do as much as I can to reduce personal waste but we NEED city support to make waves.
- Government help supports collective action on these issues.
- There is far too much single use garbage with a ton of resources and opportunity to reduce it and use other multi-use items.
- To help reduce significant waste in Calgary Landfills.
- Because the amount that goes into the landfills is significant and we are already behind much of the rest of the country in terms of waste management
- Responsible environmental practice informs sound financial practice.
- It's incredibly wasteful.
- They're not recyclable so they're almost all I have in my garbage, would reduce garbage.
- so many items are so small and used every single day. being able to take these out of the landfill would greatly reduce the amount of garbage calgary produces
- people think that garbage just immediately has a home. They don't think responsibly when it comes to garbage!
- Because there is only one Earth!
- people don't give a second thought as to who has to deal with their garbage once they dispose of it.
- Single use plastics are evil.



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- Because it is a big environmental issue that can be reduced through governmental regulations.
- There are various options that are just as convenient as single use plastics with far less negative impact on our environment, such as edible cutlery instead of plastic cutlery and beeswax cloth instead of ziplock.
- So much waste, fast food is the worst.
- Single-use plastics are wasteful and unnecessary. We owe it to future generations to stop using them.
- garbage kills the environment
- While Calgary's reduction of single-use items would be a drop in the bucket in the global picture, at least it would be a drop. I would be proud to live in a city taking such a strong stance toward the importance of a healthy natural world over convenience.
- We should do everything in our power to decrease waste and the burden on our resources
- Global issue. YYC has a chance to be a leader
- Less trash blowing outside, safer for animals, better for environment, many things are not recycled, alternatives are available.
- It seems to be our duty these days
- To be good citizens of the earth, to pass on a healthy environment to our children
- Single Use items are a huge source of waste, and there are many ways to reduce this issue
- Although it provides cheap and simple products, these are filling up the landfills. We should be leaders in protecting the environment.
- Single use plastics are an extreme problem in today's society. Calgary is very behind in eliminating our single use plastics and it is time something is done.
- For all the environmental reasons
- A lot of citizens are becoming more aware of this issue and are doing our best to reduce single use. It would go a long way if the city also worked towards eliminating these, making it easier for people who may not be aware to reduce their impact on earth
- Obviously you couldn't ban all single use items but anything we can eliminate is creating that much less waste in a landfill.
- To reduce impact on a greater scale than single businesses can do on their own
- There is just SO much waste created by single-use items. People need options to realize that things can change with regard to single-use plastic waste.
- I have been reducing the price waste I generate, making an effort. I have noticed that ordering take-out increases my waste the most, it always comes with heaping piles of packaging. Utensils are not needed when ordering from home, and should be optional.
- They are a waste and are polluting the ocean. Easy to find alternative solutions to single use plastics.



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- Calgary should be a leader. This may not have a large impact in reduction but when there are policy changes there are behaviour changes and there starts to be a shift in attitudes. It's also a great opportunity for conversations regarding reduction.
- Because I want my grandkids to have a planet to live on.
- It would reduce litter, and reduce landfill trash.
- Most of these items can be replaced with multi use items which are better for the environment and garbage pickup and disposal costs.
- Because they are filling the landfill unnecessarily
- Please create at least bylaw that plastic bags should not be given away for free in any shop in Calgary. People need to learn to bring reusable bags when go shopping. Thx
- I believe that the City should encourage all food services to offer incentives for customers to bring cup/plates/spoons etc to enjoy their food and enforce that all single use items be compostable. Calgary Folk Fest did great job to reduce waste
- We as taxpayers need to cover the cost of garbage we must reduce use at source. There is no incentives at the moment for business or citizens to reduce or even understand the impact of the choices we make
- Our earth is limited. Europe and other major developed places have figured it out - why can't we?
- All levels of government need to tackle environmental challenges.
- People are mostly uniformed what go do with them. We need better awareness.
- There are so many single use items that we can easily live without with very little habit/consumption change.
- Because it's common sense to pay attention to our environmental footprints
- Single use items are extremely wasteful for our environment. We're doing great with composting, but now we need to implement laws and regulations for company's as well - reducing single use items can start that change.
- Single-use items are adding to the destruction of all natural environments
- It's waste of resources and it mostly ends up in landfills or worse in the ocean
- Single use items are extremely wasteful. As a society we have come to rely on them for convenience. We need to start changing the way we think about single use, disposable items. We need sustainable alternatives!!
- Protecting the environment by reducing waste is important.
- Because if it is not enforced, it is difficult to change people's midset about the use of single-use plastics. However it should be done in a smart way not to cause other problems, such as contamination issues or overuse of other materials -paper or glass
- It is a terrible stress on the environment and unnecessary. We have the means to make biodegradable options . Let's do it! Laziness causes me not to go back to the car to get my recycle bags. Food should be packaged in biodegradable plastics, (organic)
- Reduce landfill, become more sustainable generally.



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- Because plastic can easily get into rivers and the ocean and it's impacting our drinking water and all ecosystems that we rely on to sustain human life.
- People and business will need support to change habits
- They are unnecessary wasteful items which create huge amounts of waste worldwide and there are usually perfectly good reusable items available as alternatives.
- Because leaving it up to the average citizen results in the majority going into the landfill. Plus even if someone does recycle the products, we now know Calgary is not recycling properly and shipping waste overseas at best, and burning otherwise!
- Too much waste in the landfill and pollutes waterways.
- Less pollution from production, less litter, less cost to collect and process. I also noticed that the care facility where my mother lived did not recycle anything, sending large volumes to landfill - work with them to recycle
- We need to tackle this problem from a variety of angles and this is a clear and direct way. Reducing our environmental impact is essential. I think making changes, even at cost or inconvenience, is worth it. I fully support all efforts to reduce waste!
- We each need to do everything we can to protect this world from further destruction. Encouraging the use of re-usable items and reducing waste is something that every individual, business, and government can implement. And we must.
- Plastic doesn't degrade. A lot of items can be replaced with multiple use items.
- We need social change around the use of these items. If the city can promote this and/or provide incentive to lower use of these items, it will benefit everyone in the long term.
- We should ensure we are setting policies and legislations that will protect not only for the future of the planet but also for the future of the children and do better!
- Too many plastic goes to garbage
- We are overdue in our timing to take action on this issue.
- The clock is ticking on our world. Each of us can do our part to reduce waste and improve the quality of our environment. Every individual, business and government can reduce waste. And we must. NOW.
- Why do harm to the environment if we don't need to?
- There's too many that are used on a daily basis.
- Because it's unnecessary to have to much waste. Most things can be made to compost or replaced otherwise.
- People want to do this but don't know how or have the means to
- It's important
- I think we are lucky to live in a beautiful city like Calgary and we should give it the respect it deserves. A little less laziness can go a long way in reducing our garbage impact.
- Consumers aren



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- Single use items are wasteful and lazy. They are also harmful to the environment. Taking away these items will affect our lives very little but make a huge difference to our environment. Basically big rewards for little effort.
- My garbage bin is overflowing and the city only takes it every 2 weeks
- Less garbage is better than more
- Because single use plastic is unnecessary and can have a large impact on the environment and global warming. Calgary is a big city that should do more.
- The involvement of the City would speed up the reduction of single-use items. Consumers aren't reducing their use of single use items quickly enough.
- we have to worry about the landfill
- Because the accumulation of single use items that do not decompose quickly is unsustainable. It is easy to switch to washable/reusable alternatives and stop offering the convenience of single use items.
- Straws are important for disabled folks, let's not make their lives more difficult. As for the rest, this is important but should not be in place of environmental initiatives that will have more impact - reduce carbon, increase renewables, protect water.
- Go green Calgary!
- Because we need to think about our future environment
- As a society we throw away too much
- Waste reduction and pollution is an incredibly important issue globally. It's imperative for us, the environment and ecosystems to reduce waste and pollution.
- To protect our environment
- Plastic garbage is the city's responsibility
- there are numerous alternatives to single use plastic—compostable to go containers, cups, and cutlery. If an alternative exists, why not use it??
- Single use items are causing so much trouble for the environment and costing our city a lot to process it all.
- People themselves don't seem to be able to break this bad habit.
- Because disposable items are awful for the environment.
- Landfill limits & costs
- Single use plastics are harmful to the environment and are a cost to dispose of
- An authority needs to do it, can't be voluntary.
- Single use plastic has no use, we don't need it. The risks of continued use far exceed the benefits of continuing to allow single use plastics
- Because reducing waste is good for everyone.
- To reduce amount of garbage
- Taking care of our planet is important
- If they aren't available then people will be forced to use their own reusable containers



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- Because it's a waste of energy to produce and it ends up polluting environment. We need to start think forward to protect environment.
- We need to do better at attempting to eliminate plastic in our lifestyle
- Recycling isn't enough (and reduction is the first principle anyway).
- Our planet can not survive if all 7.6 billion people would produce as much garbage as we do. I believe we have to set an example for countries/planet citizens that are about to enter the single use throw away waste stage.
- To help reduce our carbon footprint
- Simply because it is completely unnecessary waste that uses resources to create and ship and then takes up space in landfills if it isn't littered. There are so many easy ways to start making the change.
- We consume too much and have too much waste as a city society and country. A little push and encouragement to reduce waste is a very positive thing for the future generations
- Plastics are bad!
- It is our responsibility to do everything we can to prevent unnecessary waste and help reverse the damages of climate change.
- It's important to take steps to do our part to minimize our use of disposable single use items! We want to make sure that Calgary and the greater environment is as usable as possible for ourselves and future generations.
- all the reasons listed above
- It is important for the environment
- Using plastic is bad for the environment
- It has to come from government. It's not enough for people to try to reduce on their own.
- yes they are wasteful and unnecessary
- There is no real need to use all those plastic, costs of recycling are high and city can save a lot of money
- Yes - Calgary should play its part in reducing overall waste. It is important that we all play a part in creating a sustainable earth so our future children can have the same earth as we have had.
- All differences, whether small or not, are important for inciting change.
- we use + throw away enough plastics already that migrate throughout larger systems leaving a mess for others to clean up or deal with.
- N/S
- I have too much plastic bags
- we are filling our world with a sad, sorry mess
- Individuals aren't responsible enough to manage it themselves, input on the city level is required.
- we have messed up our world
- It's of benefit to the environment and less wasteful.
- Plastic's half life is literally forever. That's literally forever our kids will have to live with that waste.



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- Citizens need the government's guidance on important environmental action such as reducing waste and single use plastic.
- Most single use items we can do without, we just use them because they are convenient
- Reduce not ban
- Plastic is a huge waste and damage for the nature.
- The amount of single use cups, forks absolutely knives used by Calgarians are not needed products but products that are resorted to out of laziness
- A lot of plastic in our life
- I want future generations to have a healthy planet to live on.
- Our landfills are growing - we need to do this for the environment and the future generations.
- People will not change unless forced to make a change.
- Because plastic takes way too long to break down.
- Single use plastic is out of control
- Why not? Why wouldn't we try to do this? I'm confused as to why this wasn't done earlier.
- We should keep as much waste as possible from landfills
- Single use plastics are convenient but with a little bit of awareness, large gains can be made to reduce consumption and make people plan better.
- This is a new easy step to help reduce waste. Look how easy it was with straws! People don't even miss them
- I think many of the single-use items could be replaced with multi-use options
- cause we should care about the environment now as the more plastic stuff is used, the more pollutants we made.
- It's time to reduce the huge amount of plastic that ppl consuming daily, causing a massive pollution.
- Because they have a short lifecycle in comparison to the resources used to make them.
- There are so many reusable single use plastic replacements. there's no excuse for using single use plastic in this day and age. SAVE THE PLANET!!!!
- Plastics are polluting every part of Earth, the other species here with us and even ourselves. It's time to act more responsibly with what we are consuming and do it the right way. Single use plastics are completely unnecessary and only require a habit change
- We need to be leaders in Alberta, Canada, and the world
- to save our environment
- The elimination of single-use items would reduce material in landfills and ultimately make life more simple and convenient. Also, would leave more space in my black bin.
- We can easily live without plastic bags, straws and single use cutlery and plates in restaurants and fast food industry. Make it all glass, metal or compostible.
- People won't do it on their own. Government needs to step in and provide a framework and set policy.
- Saves them going into the landfill.



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- Effect on environment
- It's essential that we do our part to protect and preserve the environment we have left. The state of the environment directly impacts everyone's quality of life on earth, whether it's your food source, what you wear, or the quality of the air we breathe
- Because in of what is happening to the ocean life though we do not live close by we should still consider it and the factories that pollute the world with making straws contributing to global warming
- We should keep our planet
- They are a major source of waste in landfills and oceans that we can control and manage.
- People are more than capable of reusing items they already have. It's important to think about the effect of not only the production of single use items but also how long they take to break down.
- I think about future for my kids
- plastic is super bad for the environment!!!
- Single use plastic contributes massively to worldwide levels of garbage and its use is not adequately discouraged by current economic policies. Our city is doing a great job with composting program etc in reducing waste and we can do even better now.
- Humans need to protect and save our environment, we need to do what we can to help otherwise the planet wont last.
- it is easy it is easy to make this change organized
- because most of the plastic is not recycled
- I am more supportive of investigating ways to recycle these items. I am confident that the bright young people in high school would do a stellar job on this challenge. I am happy to implement a finer sort to support such initiatives.
- We need to help the planet and every little bit counts!
- because they are harmful to the environment
- Calgary can do it's part in reducing single use plastic! Every little bit counts, and we could set an example for other towns and cities. Save the planet!
- It is wasteful, plain and simple. Convenience should not come at the cost of our future. As a 17 year old with many years ahead of me, it is reasonable and rationale to ask my government to protect my future.
- Because single use
- Yes, this is a huge problem globally that can't continue and the sooner we developed a program to help reduce plastics the sooner we can set a good example for the rest of the world.
- We need a bigger emphasis on reducing waste and re-using items. Not just recycling!
- We overuse it. Too much of plascik in everyday life
- Its ridiculous how many of these items go straight to landfills. I beleive people need to be more mindful. Why keep adding to the problem?The people that recycle will appreciate this, the others will learn to recyle & gain better habits

- Even just plastic bag use is terrible for the environment and could be completely banned! Even that one act could make a huge impact to help save the environment.
- Plastics are such a huge problem and how to get rid of them so slowing down the usage is the best we can do until we figure out a way to get rid of plastics safely!
- Plastic is suffocating our world. We can get rid of it if we try
- We need to significantly lower the amount of garbage and items we throw away. The time is now to save our environment.
- This is an appropriate and doable objective....discounts for reusable cups provided by customers might be an incentive.
- Single use items are handy, but also detrimental. If we could find alternatives to single use items that are easy to use, it would be more beneficial for the immediate and greater environment!
- It would depend on which actions...
- Because single use items are ridiculous. Seriously, the amount of work, effort, and waste for a cup to last less than an hour is pretty insane when you really think about it. Unfortunately people are lazy... so you'll have to force them. :)
- If the city is serious about waste reduction and increased environmental responsibility, single use items are a good place to help reduce waste.
- Because it would make a huge difference and would be a positive shift for the future.
- It is a no brainer. We need to make things better and being less wasteful the standard.
- We absolutely don't need most of them
- Yes, mandating companies to use compostable products and rewarding consumers who avoid single use plastics would be a great step.
- Reduce amount of non-biodegradable waste
- We are all responsible for the waste we are making
- Such a crazy waste especially the styrofoam.
- Some items are
- We can use alternative environment friendly things instead of using these plastic products
- Many plastics and other single-use disposable items cannot be properly recycled and as a result end up sitting in a landfill or making their way into the water.
- Yes because of impacts to the environment and costs to landfills and recycling.
- All the reasons above
- The garbage is being released into the environment, getting consumed by animals who don't know any better and they get sick. It's not fair to have all these animals dying just because some people wanted to throw out their McD's cup instead of washing it
- Depends on the cost vs benefit. For question 2 there is no room for comment - i think we need to know the relative volume of these items going to landfill
- We should aspire to bring awareness of environment into our day to day, and do what we can to take steps to being respectful global citizens.



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- There needs to be sticks and carrots to encourage companies and people to adapt.
- I think that it would be highly used by Calgarians, as composting and recycling can sometimes be a hassle. It would be much more convenient to just throw a container or coffee cup in a bin.
- I like to reduce my waste anyway possible, others should do this too
- It is impossible to continue dealing with th amounts of waste we are producing.
- Important to reduce plastic production, environmental contamination from plastic (esp. harm done to wildlife) and need for plastic recycling.
- Because of the guilt I feel when I see those huge garbage piles in the ocean
- Single use plastic go straight to the garbage or even worse are just thrown on the ground because they have no other use and make the streets of Calgary dirty. Single use plastics will only build up because they must go to landfill.
- Too much litter! Too much garbage!
- No reason not to.
- Reduce items going to landfill
- people are wasteful and lazy
- They are wasteful and can easily be lived without. Most of the items on the list but especially stir sticks, people use them for about a second before they get tossed!
- It's not just about reducing garbage but also reducing the wate of environmental resources to produce these single-use items.
- There are many products out there to replace single-use plastics that are more enviromentally friendly and even more cost effective
- So many bits of the remains end up in landfill. We need to either recycle more, or drop the usage.
- We need leadership from local government on these issues in order to make a bigger impact. We cannot just leave it up to individual choice.
- There's a lot of work to be done in Calgary to reduce reliance on the convenience lifestyle that has a massive environmental cost. Especially at events like pancake breakfasts and other public events the organizers need to lead the way to reduce waste.
- Action and leadership at the municipal level will make a difference. Lets start with food courts...
- Reducing waste is not only good for the environment, but it can benefit our economy through the development of zero waste businesses. The City of Calgary should take action because we have a collective responsibility to do better for our future.
- Single use plastics are unnecessary and are polluting our planet. Government at CITY level politics have the most control/influence ability to make change where it is needed. Stores/Businesses don't seem to stop on their own.
- We need to lead the way in reducing our waste. Waste creates green house gases. Plastics are getting into our water and our oceans and are harming animals, birds and fish. The plastic is getting into our water and affecting humans.
- Every person needs to contribute to reducing harmful waste



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- It's 2018, that's why. Let's jump on this NOW and set the example for other Canadian cities.
- Calgary should be in the forefront of trying to reduce our waste and save the earth!
- Yes. I believe that it should be made mandatory that businesses and stores stop using and selling single use plastics as they are not taking the initiative on their own.
- Reduction of any kind of trash is important
- For the vast majority of uses it is just unnecessary. I only support this after appropriate consultation with vulnerable groups who may require such items. Eg. many disabled people require plastic straws to safely drink.
- Because we need to stop putting all of this toxic waste into the environment
- Because it's everyone's responsibility to do this, and maybe it would become even more widespread if it was a municipal initiative
- Our city produces a lot of waste, which impacts every bodies everyday life.
- There's no reason not to. The Planet needs it.
- I think the city of Calgary and the federal government should legislate would this AND packaging in general!
- It seems like other cities are benefiting from doing so.
- Because the amount of plastic garbage has gotten out of control. It's bad for the environment and for living beings. There are proven alternatives so why not enforce the use of them?
- The current pollution in our oceans is so devastating and needs to be treated to the extent that global warming is with the carbon taxes!
- The city has to address this issue, but each of us is responsible for our planet.
- Keep plastics and microplastics out of our water systems, and reduce energy and water consumption in production
- Help enviro
- You can't expect people to make wise or empathetic choices, especially when it comes to things like consumer convenience, so a thing like this needs to be legislated using a bylaw
- Because we could potentially reduce the amount of garbage going to the landfill, and we should be trying to keep up with other cities who have taken this initiative already.
- None
- The garbage isn't going anywhere and a new landfill is too expensive.
- It's a huge environmental issue that we ALL have to start dealing with before we drown in our own waste. It's the right thing to do.
- waste is such a huge part of our consumer culture that any major impact must start from the the top down, and it must happen fast.
- single use items take up an inordinate amount of room in landfills, and are easily replaced with recyclable or compostable items. Plastic bags can be replaced with paper, and coffee cups can be made compostable as well.



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- They are a huge waste of plastic, and are generally not compostable, and even if they are the majority of them are not recycled or composted.
- We only have one earth
- I am trying to do this and the City taking action would make it easier.
- Reducing our carbon footprint is how we can save the earth from pollution
- This has had great success in other cities and it would be great if Calgary could follow suit!
- City of Calgary must do it wisely and organize the recycling by more sufficiently.
- Landfills over capacity
- Single use items are not needed and can easily be replaced with reusables. There is no Planet B.
- Because as a society it's important not to leave a dumpster fire to our offspring. Every little bit helps!
- Because it is 2018 and no further evidence is needed to demonstrate the destruction of our earth from these wasteful products. They are 100% unnecessary. It is time for ACTION. Humans lived for many, many years without these products. We can adapt.
- It's too important not to
- Yes, change needs to be made at a city level
- An important of ecological care for future generations requires all plastics to be recyclable.
- Honestly it should be up to private companies to do. but the city could provide some guidelines.
- Not only is it a waste of materials, it also creates waste when making the item and disposing of the item. Our environment needs our full
- The environment and its future is important to me
- Too much plastic is everywhere. It all can be changed for more environmentally friendly things
- Society is moving away from single use items. If we want to keep up, and also help reduce landfill waste, and extend the lifespan of landfills, this can be a start
- The amount a plastic waste human being produce is outstanding and, even though we have recycling, most people still don't recycle plastic waste. Eliminating most of it all together is the best solution to make sure we stop poisoning our lands and ocean.
- BHB
- It is obvious that we are destroying the planet and environment with the amount of plastic pollution. I believe that people can make a difference but big businesses and cities have an enormous impact.
- Single use plastics are unnecessary and clog up our waterways and landfills. It takes a ton of energy to produce them for very little benefit.
- It is a waste of materials, as well as wasted energy and resources to produce and dispose of single use items. Our environment needs our full attention now.
- Because corporations will not do enough without the city stepping in to do something about it
- Because they're so incredibly wasteful of our resources and destructive to our habitat and fellow creatures once discarded.
- This is our future. We need a shift. People need direction



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- It's a hight time to do it, because plastic bags and containers are everywhere, on the road sides, in trees and situation is getting worth
- Reduce landfill
- I think the city needs to take a leadership role in order to encourage citizens and businesses to think of ways to reduce waste.
- Great Pacific Garbage Patch. 2. Energy used to create single use items we do not need. 3. Environmental contamination. 4. Duty to lead by example and to educate.
- Because it's good for the environment...? Why else?
- Such a big waste, especially take outs. People doesn't realize how much plastic they are using. All take outs would have a compostable containers and cutlery.
- it's a waste...literally.
- Single use items should be eliminated or options that are biodegradable should be found and used.
- To create awareness
- it's a waste...literally. [duplicate]
- it's a waste...literally. [duplicate]
- Too much plastic in the world, we need to take care and save our planet for future generations.
- For the reaons listed above.
- I believe in sustainability and permaculture. Non-recyclables simply do not belong in that paradigm. I have seen most items listed below made from compostsbles in other countries and cities I have visited and feel this is a viable alternative to plastic
- Because it is time that we get with the times. Takeout industry shop be mandated to use compostable containers, plates & cutlery.
- So many other options that are more environmentally friendly.
- Calgary is the cleanest city in the world, let's keep it that way.
- Due to pollution
- For future generations
- As a society of consumers we need to become cognizant of the amount of waste we produce and having regulations that draw attention to this will help change people's behaviour and reduce environmental impact.
- There are better alternatives available. Why support using items we know are bad for the environment?
- All the reasons stated above. Lets seek to reduce our footprint one step at a time.
- Plastics never break down and are a huge drain on resources for only single use items.
- Single use items are detrimental to the environment. They are often made of plastic, a material that takes hundreds of years to decompose. These items are likely to end up in our oceans, causing harm to marine life. Please take action and help our planet!
- It's very important for envaroment and should be taken under control .
- Too much disposable plastic in the world



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- Because it's obviously the right thing to do
- oceans full of trash? huge landfills? what more do we need to see to play our part
- To reduce items being sent to landfills
- It's a huge waste.
- I want less plastic and less garbage laying around in my city. Tired of seeing Tim Horton cups, slurpee cup on the ground
- Producers should be responsible for what they produce, not taxpayers.
- To save our waterways and reduce unnecessary pollution
- Reducing waste means reducing energy consumption, and less land needed for landfill, which could be used for food production, carbon sequestration and ecological sustainability.
- Too much waste! Why take up all the landfill space when most stuff doesn't ever decompose?
- There is no need for single use items anymore. The only way companies will start to step up environmentally is if consumers force them to.
- Any waste reduction is a huge benefit to our environment
- Many single use items are unnecessary. I rarely take a plastic bag from stores now anyway
- Every single piece of plastic made is still in existence today. It takes over 900 years to decompose making this a problem we leave for the next 4 generations. People are inherently selfish so you need to force them to think about their lasting impact
- We have got to reduce the amount of garbage we are producing and these items are the least useful for us.
- It's destroying our planet. A place where we all live. We should stop being so selfish and wasteful. And not just plastic, but Styrofoam as well; there's no longer a need for it since the invention of better products.
- Single-use items are big part of the landfill waste and as such should be reduced as much as possible
- Yes, most single use items have reusable or recyclable alternatives
- Those items that make a huge amount of waste and that we have a very limited way of dealing with right now
- we have one planet. kind of a no brainer
- Largely unnecessary with better alternatives available
- These materials are a significant source of damage to the environment, are mass produced, and have very little functional value.
- It's important to start thinking differently as we can't throw everything away infinitely.
- An absolute environmental and therefore economic and social necessity.
- Yes it is extra waste and extra costs
- Because its food for the environment
- There are many other items that can be used in replacement of these items



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- It's a scourage! Most of these things can't be recycled, and take 100's if not thousands of years to decompose.
- I don't want to live
- We need to be accountable for the long run and in the future. This is for the greater good for everyone.
- To create an incentive particularly for businesses.
- Less waste is better
- Single use items were created out of convenience, with little thought to the effects they have on the environment. It is up to us to limit these to ensure our environment is protected.
- In many cases, single use plastic can be avoided or another more sustainable option should be available
- We need to reduce our use of these items or we will drown in them.
- It is not feasible for individual consumers to be wholly responsible for the waste they produce. Producers need to take the large share of responsibility and our culture needs to change big time for this to work. I worry about the next generation.
- To reduce usage and waste.
- Important for the future of a clean western Canada, Canada and world. Lead by example, yet follow the foot steps of the other great countries that are doing so.
- Yes because it's everyone's responsibility and will improve the city's standings in terms of quality of life in the long run.
- bc
- People need to be encouraged and educated on how to reduce single-user items and why it is important.
- Education is key!
- They are not necessary and our current use is unsustainable.
- There's too many people not to.
- Because they are ONE TIME USE!!! 2 min in your hand... lifetime in the dump. Sheer laziness if you can't bring your own bags to the groc store, or drink without a straw!!
- Minimize waste in landfills and impact on ecosystems
- Because during the bow clean up there were endless straws, cups and other single use items.
- It adds to our landfill fullness.
- It's time to make manufacturing of the single use items a thing of the past and items that DO need to be made to be recycled in some way.
- Because it's a waste and ruining the planet. Other countries have already cut them out.
- We must take action today to ensure the future is bright for the next generations.
- We could save on so many levels if we used our own utensils and bags
- It's our responsibility to minimize our ecological footprint!



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- Reduce waste sent to landfill. Other places have removed plastic bags a long time ago finding alternatives
- To be apart of the change for the betterment's of the planets health -
- We need to take extreme measures to address the ever growing problem around single use plastics.
- Because it is harmful to our health and anvironment and there is many substitutes we can use or plastic we don't need.
- People don't seem to understand the huge impact of single use items by themselves, therefore we need more regulations on the matter.
- I would like to see all businesses that offer single use items... have a recycling box for these items. I think banning plastics grocery bags... in exchange for cloth ones... or boxes.. would be an appropriate measure. England has done this for years.
- I have become aware of how many single use plastic items I use in a day or week and even though I've been trying to reduce purchasing these kinds of items, the amount going to garbage still surprises and disappoints me.
- Plastic is bad
- Just the right thing to do
- It is hurting the environment and there are many other viable options out there that we can and should be using. it's filling the landfill with waste
- To reduce the most impactful waste products, and telegraph commitment to environmental maintenance.
- It's the major cause of the frickin plastic island in the middle of the ocean.
- Yes because I think we should be taking care of our city and most importantly our earth. I constantly see garbage cans full of single use items , I believe by reducing use of single use items it will dramatically reduce the amount of waste Calgarians make
- Unfortunately, there are so many individuals who won't take the initiative to reduce their personal waste, so the city needs to take action in order to have a meaningful effect.
- It's important that we find sustainable ways to live or else our environment will suffer
- It's time to act on climate change even if it might be a little inconvenient short-term.
- We need to find sustainable ways to live or the environment suffers the consequences.
- We will learn to live without
- This fills up our landfills and takes years to decompose. It is an unessessary burden to the planet that we have the choice and power to change.
- People don't realize the impact these products have on the environments
- My understanding is that the more waste there is with our current waste ingredients, the more greenhouse gases are emitted.
- Because plastic takes a very long time to biodegrade and is collecting in oceans and other places and affecting wildlife negatively.



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- We owe it to our children, wildlife, and the planet. if you consider them important. Let us not be selfish.
- There are many alternatives to single use items and the public has more awareness care to change it now like with straws
- Yes. We need to adjust how we live to reduce our waste and footprint so that future generations can enjoy our planet.
- There's too much and something has to be done!!
- Because it ruins our mother's nature
- It's a simple way to reduce the amount of waste even a single person accumulates in a day
- Yes. Single use items are one of the leading causes of plastic waste.
- Because these items are basically the only thing left in my garbage I cant throw in the compost pile or recycling bin.
- Because we are all responsible for reducing waste.
- Reducing single use will curb waste
- People unfortunately need to be mandated in order to follow through on actions beneficial to the environment
- We need to hold people accountable for their waste and this is a great way to get people involved.
- Climate change ramifications. We cannot continue producing the amount of garbage as a society.
- The City has the ability to ask it's citizens to create a sustainable environment
- We only have 1 planet. Too much landfill.
- We are already in crisis mode with our environment. The quicker we do this, the better.
- Continuing on as we are will undoubtedly lead to a great losses in our surroundings, continued pollution of our land, water and air and I believe our current landfill only has about 10 years before it's no longer usable.
- It is important to reduce our waste production.
- single use is a waste
- They are not necessary. They can be developed to be compostable instead of garbage.
- Single-use items make the world sad
- We as a society need to move into the direction of a sustainable options as we can longer opt for easy and quick conveniences at the detriment of the earth.
- The amount of single use plastic & styrofoam out there is staggering. People don't get it and expect the problem to be fixed by someone else, you could be that someone else.
- Reduce waste and 'force' people to reuse by not having easy disposable alternatives.
- It is unsustainable not to
- too much plastic waste
- Because there's better alternatives to avoid using our landfills.
- To save the planet
- We need to make it a city wide imperative



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- Our landfills are getting larger and larger You can only decompose so much.... They need to be pro-active. A lot of calgarians are not recycling properly, they need extra staff to catch that .
- because people are unwillingly able to do it themselves
- We have too much waste with single use items
- If policies are implemented then there would be less single use items that end up in the landfill
- Reducing waste seems obvious to me.
- Single use plastics incentives poor practices. Better use fin materials leads to less waste, but also incentives businesses and consumers to take heed of materials that aren't a burden.
- Less waste
- I think that there is an excessive amount of single use options in the retail world and as they make money off of them they won't go away so we need something to make people stop and think about purchasing these products.
- Single use items are not sustainable and create unnecessary waste. We can and should live without these items. We can be leaders in reducing our waste, and tackle climate change, plastics pollution and promotes a linear economy that isn't sustainable
- They are wasteful. There are reusable alternatives.
- There are other options out there and we don't need to limit ourselves to using single use items. We all need to make a contribution to help our planet
- So much waste in so much of our packaging.
- Pretty simple really: the Earth is dying and people
- I think our use of plastic could be greatly reduced. And follow in other cities like Victoria I'm using reusable bags everywhere
- The Earth is dying and people in power have a responsibility to change things!
- We need to move past unsustainable things. We need to be better and we need to do it quickly
- It's a desperate environmental problem!
- Reducing single use items will be beneficial
- Because the planet needs our help!
- If it's less available the less for people to use/waste
- Yes because they are a HUGE problem and we need to get to work on implementing change
- Single use items are completely useless. We are conscious enough and can pay the extra few cents it takes per packaging etc to ban these things. The thing that matters most is our home and not just the one we live in but the one we live on. Set the example
- There are many easily replaceable single use plastics that can be made with reusable or biodegradable products. I do however see the use of straws as a necessity for countless disabled or unwell peoples. Straws are the focus of most campaigns
- Because it'll force people to realize how much waste they create.
- Environment



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- Because there is a need to reduce garbage and there is an abundance of single-use plastics which land in the landfills
- I see bags flying around, garbage, plastics all over my street. I live closer to Malbrough mall. Something has to change!!!
- There are better options available. With composting now up and running in Calgary, fully compostable/biodegradable options exist for many of these items. For others, education and knowledge go a long way for waste reduction.
- The city of Calgary is a large city in which the reduction of single use items can have a substantial impact in the waste in our landfills
- The world needs us, and needs us to change how we relate to it, or we are in BIG trouble.
- There is not enough people doing this on their own. By enforcing rules to ensure that there is no choice - change can be made.
- It is just too easy to use materials that are only one use, and cannot even be recycled or composted.
- I think the manufacture of many of these items take up
- We are using up valuable landfill space for unnecessary items
- Greatly reducing landfill input and maximizing recycling and compost streams is fiscally and environmentally prudent.
- It will take leadership from the top to make an impact on this issue
- People need To
- It is good for the environment
- People rely too much on convenience without thinking about long term consequences. If the city made an effort to educate and reduce such items hopefully it would create more awareness
- If the city impose the restaurants/coffee shops to don't use single-use items, by making a law, they will stop using it. The other option is to use organic single-use items (made of bamboo or plants...)
- We should all do our part to have less waste and Calgary has an opportunity to be a leader in that.
- People need incentives to participate in waste reduction
- We must do all we can now.
- 1st step in avoiding landfill
- There's too much waste and people won't change habits on their own.
- to Make an effort at saving earth!
- Steps need to be taken to reduce waste, Earth's resources are running out at an alarming rate due to the utter disrespect towards the planet and damage done by the human race.
- Its pollutes our nature, oceans, seas. Poisons and kills our animals.
- Yes, reducing waste is important.
- We produce too much garbage that can be easily avoided. Also because it is 2018!
- Reduction of unnecessary garbage or non-recyclable plastics in landfills, and encouraging businesses to utilize fully recyclable or compostable materials.
- Too much garbage going to landfills.



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- Single use plastics are a major contributor to plastic pollution on the consumer level. Wooden or biodegradable replacements are needed. Please stop the major corporate entities that make up the majority of the pollution output.
- Simply, we'll drown in the sea of plastic if we don't.
- There are reasonable alternatives available and these disposable items are unnecessary.
- It's important for the environment
- We cannot afford to keep polluting our environment and wasting resources and money making single use items that are generally thrown away and not recycled or are not recyclable.
- Because there are alternatives to single use plastic that have less impact on our earth
- The environment is important. AB in general is constantly attacked for our contributions to climate change (they forget economic contributions so fast) - we should take action to do what we can within reason.
- Because far too many supposedly LEED buildings downtown still have vendors serving in single serve packaging and it makes a joke of our compost and recycling programs.
- Because it's pointless garbage that is negatively impacting our environment
- We've only got a few years before it is too late to save our earth, and Calgary could make a difference. Lots of countries has banned single use plastic bags, and I would love for my city to be as innovative as possible regarding waste-reduction!!!
- We need to take action because we are responsible for the waste and damage it create. We have the ability to do better.
- Calgary is already showing itself as a leader in waste reduction - with the blue, and green carts - this is the next step (on top of ensuring our materials can continue to be recycled, and potentially implementing a tiered garbage fee system).
- Way too much single use plastic!
- Sing use items fill up our landfills and take years to break down. There are alternatives to single use items and it's our job to make changes to better Calgary and the planets future!
- Awareness needs to be brought to single use plastic. A better education of what can be recycled will help. Some people think all plastic is recyclable. It would also be interesting to know the fate of our plastics. Is China still purchasing?
- To five our kids a chance of surviving on Earth
- We need to address climate change now.
- There are alternatives to single use plastic. Look at the Calgary zoo for example. They have switched to conpostable options instead of disposable! There's no need for single use plastic and styrofoam
- We need to start educating people about the harmful effects of single use plastics on the environment
- To reduce plastic in the landfill!!!
- Single use items have become the norm and are over used. Changing habits could reduce our garbage substantially.



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- It's wasteful and people rarely make reduction uses on their own initiative
- Reduce waste and litter is always a good thing.
- Unnecessary to still be using single-use items. Let's take action!
- Because of the fact It is the right thing to do for our future!
- It's necessary and puts us in line with other major cities
- It's not the answer to reducing climate change, but it's a step in the right direction. I hope it will encourage Calgarians to think more about our impacts and consider how to change the larger picture: energy consumption
- Single use items like tge above, exist soley for our convenience. With planning & cooperation from businesses, it's easy to not need these things,
- It would be taking a lot of unessasary waste out of our landfills to help save the planet. Plastic bags being one of the worst single disposable items out there. Styrofoam take out containers being another huge issue
- Environmental responsibility. The Earth is dying, we should be concerned and motivated to take action.
- Not sure this will happen unless legislated. I'm tired of seeing plastic bags blowing around, stir sticks and plastic straws on the ground, coffee cups dumped everywhere, and other non-decomposable plastic all over the plastic.
- We need to protect the environment
- I am a sustainability consultant - so naturally I support any and all waste reduction strategies.
- They use up many resources and are unnecessary for most people. It creates so much waste that could be avoided.
- Absolutely. There are so many clean alternatives to creating more waste. We should demonstrate leadership in sustainable practices, and hopefully other cities across Canada will take this approach as well.
- Because it's an important issue, we're running out of land and it's a huge environmental concern. This is a dumb question. It's the responsible thing to do.
- I have a moral problem with waste. Single use plastics are nothing but waste
- We all can change our habits
- Fort McMurray banned single use plastic bags eons ago. What people take in plastic bags home in Calgary is a disgrace, 5 cents per bag charge is changing notning, ban it!
- A lot of the single use items seem unnecessary (or could be phased put with minimal consequence) and it would be nice to have an impact on creating a future of increased sustainability
- I believe it's a great move to keep our environment safe for us and our children, our Future.
- Because they are very harmful to the environment
- Because landfills are limited in what they can handle and break down. I don't want to see our city covered in garbage anymore.



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- Without regulation people will continue to use antiquated and outdated solutions because of the low cost.
- We are currently a society of mass consumption. It is an unsustainable rate that will lead to consequences if we continue down this path. We should do whatever we can to limit our consumption.
- The collective impact of reducing single-use items is significant, and it doesn't require a big effort on the part of Calgarians. An important step to manage waste and reduce litter/garbage in natural areas.
- Because so much of it ends up in the Bow River. I know having done the river cleanup for years.
- We need drastic change to support the environment.
- single use items are irresponsible and unsustainable-too much garbage!
- Plastic still has an important role to play in our lives, people just need to know how to use it properly.
- Because it's wasteful and unnessecary
- Things are only getting worse when it comes to our waterways being cluttered with these items and more. We are far behind Vancouver, we should try to catch up.
- We need to work to reduce singleuse items snf help make environmental protection possible. It would also help clean up the city! I hate walking through our beautiful parks and seeing plastic bags and cups lying around and spoiling our city's beauty.
- Needs to be done, city has the power to do something.
- Calgary has an image of a city that cares more about oil than the environment, and this could go a long way to combat that image while also making a genuine environmental impact
- To reduce waste
- It takes a long time for plastic to break doen naturally and puts our beloved nature and wildlife at risk, therefore we should take single use plastic seriously now that we know it's negative impacts. But also keep in mind handicap ppl who need straws.
- The solution needs to come from higher up the chain, relying on the end user isn't working. People will adapt if forced to, but most don't seem to be willing to change on their own.
- All these things takes years to degrade, all for a few seconds of convenience. Cost to our environment is too high.
- There is too much garbage.
- Fir certain items. Alternatives need to be available upon request and if compostible that would be great.
- It is essential for the sustainability of our city that we reduce our impact on the environment. It is also crucial that we take these strategies in ways that do not disproportionately affect lower income
- Do or die!
- Because some single-use items, like plastic utensils and lids, have the chance to be eliminated. But not all single-use items are single use, like plastic bags that can be reused, or takeout containers, should the restaurant provide reusable ones.



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- The items still need to be available upon request in situations where reasonable priced compositable alternatives are not readily available.
- The amount of waste we produce is outrageous and there are simple do able lifestyle changes we can all make that could make a huge impact on our waste problem. The way we are going is not sustainable!
- Hel reduces waste
- waste of resources
- Better for the environment and inspires innovation
- Everyone and every city can and should make a difference in reducing our use of plastic. Education of global implications of our use of plastics and where the get shipped off to.
- It seems to be a large part of what is harming the planet.
- Reduction is the most important of the 3 Rs. The less we use, the less we have to make and dispose of.
- If the environment is a priority, and I believe it is, reducing needless waste is essential.
- We live in a world of over-consumption, we are depleting the world's resources, consuming more than our planet can handle and EVERY SINGLE THING we can now do to reduce our human footprint, reducing the amount we just use once and throw away is CRITICAL
- Single use items are contaminating our environment
- Any measures to reduce waste can have a huge impact even if only partially successful.
- For all the reasons listed above.
- We are waiting resources and contributing to a deteriorating environment... that plastic will be with us for decades after 5min of use!?
- The planet NEEDS it
- They should develop a program because most small and medium size companies do not have the resources
- I believe Calgary and the rest of the world should ALL take action to reduce garbage from single-use item
- The actions of individuals who reduce their single-use item usage won't make a significant impact because of the convenience and universality of these items. Systemic change is needed. Be careful though, there will be a massive backlash if handled poorly.
- Plastic waste especially micro plastic kills affects seas life, and contributes to the floating plastic in the ocean. Not only that having Calgary become a plastic free city will encourage other places that it's possible
- It is a very easy step in reducing waste and reducing the amount of resources used to create items that are just thrown away.
- It would be irresponsible not to.
- These items are terrible for the environment and include plastic coating that is harmful to outnumber health. We can live without them - times are changing, let's work to eliminate these items.



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- I care about our environment and want to live in a city that lives sustainably.
- I would guess that the vast majority of my black cart is made up of single use items like takeout containers
- These things are just so unnecessary.
- Many times people use single use items unnecessarily. You can buy Re-usable straws! I have been to many dinners at peoples homes where the felt it was just easier to use paper plates when perfectly good dishes were in the cupboard. Especialmy
- I caution against restricting single use bags. What happens is the bags are made thicker and people still use them only once. I've seen this in San Fran and Queensland Australia.
- If Fort McMurray can ban the use of plastic bags, why can't we.
- At least ban plastic single use items if not everything.
- As a global society we have to change the way we live. Our National, Provincial and Civic leaders must actually take the lead!
- "Action" should be in form of information and/or incentive program to reduce single-use items. Take lead on eliminating from CoC facilities (e.g. golf courses, parks, City hall, etc), encourage businesses to follow suit. Outright ban hard to enforce.
- People are not actively adopting reduction measures on their own and this is an issue that is reaching critical mass.
- If not the City, than who is responsible? We have one world, we had better look after it.
- Many of these items are unnecessary, but will remain on earth indefinitely.
- They are unnecessary and cause more harm than they are worth. There are many sustainable alternatives to these items.
- There should be a ban on plastic straws!
- Everyone needs to take action, Calgary is no exception.
- It is important to reduce our waste!
- I believe that there is way too much needless plastic waste in the environment. Everyday I run in Confederation park and everyday I pick up plastic waste and put it into the garbage can. Today I picked up a plastic bag with two styrofoam containers and
- Everyone should take action - single use items (especially plastic) are one of the biggest mistakes in our society.
- I believe there is way too much plastic waste in the environment. Every day I run in Confederation Park. Today
- Reduce the amount of single use product that enters the landfill.
- Reduce amount going into the landfill
- I believe in the efficiencies achieved by reducing landfill items.
- Wasteful
- Because the environment is more important than your bottom line.



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- I believe there is too much waste in the Environment. Today I ran in Confed Park I picked up a bag with styrofoam and plastic cutlery and put it in the garbage.
- We need rules in place so these items are restricted...our landfills are filling up.
- Some single use items are never even used. Delivery food comes with plastic utensils, even though most people have utensils to use at home.
- Ban styrofoam as take out containers or cups! All material needs to be compostable.
- Single use plastic is terrible for oceans and the environment in general. It's also not nice to have around the city. I've been accidentally falling in love with Calgary and I think it'd be really nice if the litter you see around wasn't something terrible.
- To reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill, and to improve our environment.
- If we had somewhere to recycle or dispose of them properly, they won't end up in landfills.
- We are going to run out of landfill space and the city needs to get away from one use items.
- I am concerned about the impact of plastics to animals and oceans. Businesses should be required to use packaging that can be recycled in our facilities.
- We as a city can do much better when it comes to reducing the use of things that are not essential to our every-day-lives.
- We cannot continue to constantly be adding to the problem of waste. If 10,000 people use 1 single use straw a day for a week that is an absurd amount of waste everyday, and not sustainable.
- Without action, nothing will change, and I see this as low hanging fruit.
- General population does not consciously consider how much waste they create through single use items.
- Too much stuff going to landfill. Costco is the worst for using a lot of packaging for a tiny item.
- Limited resources
- We need to be better at waste reduction and diversion from landfills
- For the environment.
- Many people are wasteful with single use items and have no consideration for the environment. These are the items that are often littered.
- Single use is needless given sustainable/sustaining alternatives
- Because there is no good reason not to. Let's Lead by example in the hopes of helping to reverse the effects of climate change. If the city can make a move like this it will inspire people who live here to think about the foot print they make every day.
- yes! Keep the city clean and reduce landfill congestion!
- Because it's such a large issue
- Reduce waste and get rid of items that are not recyclable
- It's crazy how many single use items we use for literally less than 5-10 minutes and throw out every single day. It's not sustainable for our environment, health, or world to keep living like this!!
- If reducing single use becomes day to day in the community perhaps it will become that way at home.



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- It's a no brainer. Plastic in general is a pollutant that keeps on giving...dropping it on mother earth after a single use is the ultimate in extinction behavior.
- The amount of garbage from these containers is insane!
- Set an example, be more responsible
- It matters!
- Someone has to be the lead. I always think of the turtle with the straw up the nose. There is always an alternative to non recyclable
- Yes! There is no need for single-use items to exist while we face the environmental impacts of climate change.
- People aren't gonna do it themselves
- I believe that Calgarians need help, support and sometimes restrictions as it's not always the easiest route to reduce waste
- Waste disposal costs taxpayers money, and we shouldn't be aiming for zero waste for environmental reasons. This is a good place to start. I want to clarify that we should be targeting PLASTIC products where paper products work just fine. Cups, boxes, etc
- It's wasteful, it costs money for the city to collect, and it costs money for the city to dispose of.
- It's hard for individuals to make these changes, and policy level changes that alter choice environment will work better.
- All single-use items could be replaced by reusable items! Reducing the use of straws has been really big and we can see how easy it is to live without or replace those with something reusable. I would love to see that large scale in Calgary.
- There are cases where plastic is useful and necessary, and there are places where it is just convenient and cheap. Need gov't action to reduce needless and permanent waste!
- Plastic is too wildly relied upon and is very damaging to our environment.
- Steps need to be taken and losing convenience items is a price I'm willing to pay.
- There are many options other than plastics, there are hemp bags, I even think paper is a viable option, increasing logging may have an effect of fewer forest fires?
- Reduce the amount that ends up in landfills and even our oceans!
- Because more people need to be aware of the causes of single use plastic. Not everyone wants to believe it so they need further education and incentives to reduce their waste. It should be our cities duty to teach the people.
- To reduce environmental impact and ultimately reduce costs of waste management to taxpayers
- Reducing unnecessary waste in general, but also to reduce the amount of litter in neighbourhoods and parks from single use items (mostly light weight plastic that gets blown around, even if it was originally in a garbage). There are great alternatives.
- That plastic will outlive our great-great-great-great grandchildren.
- We shouldn't waste our land to use as dumping garbages, it also cause stink and pollution to water.



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- Single-use items are not good for our environment or our health. We need the business sectors to make the changes to shift consumer behaviours.
- Most of which are plastics or stereofoam and are harmful to the environment and human health. Alternative materials that are reusable, compostable, or recycle-able are available.
- Because there are much better and more compostable alternatives that can replace single-use plastics specifically.
- There is already too much waste on this planet. Calgary is one of the cleanest cities in the world. We should be a leader in waste reduction
- Yes, but it should also advocate for corporations specifically to reduce waste across production and supply chains.
- Because all these single use items end up in the landfill and most have alternatives.
- Important
- Single use items are unsustainable.
- Simple. It's the environmentally sound thing to do.
- Creates problem in unclean river probably in calgary save money and time people get to choose real cups and etc over icky plastic or stop producing more plastics and keep re use old stuff etc thanks
- There's a lot of waste in single use. I think the city should charge for single use items.
- Require businesses to provide compostable options for any single use item and charge a small fee for single use items
- There are better options like bringing your own to-go mugs and shopping bags. Using materials that are recylcable or biodegradable. We can even do better by implementing present methods in all industries like reclying plastic in hospitals.
- Harmful for the environment, inefficient usage for is as citizens.
- As a society, it is our job to be stewards of our country for future generations. As we currently have a minimally effective way of dealing with this items, we need to limit their production. Limiting their production is best through limiting use.
- So many single use items are really unecessary in the first place, so incentives for manufacturers to not use them would be great, and having more options as a consumer in terms of disposal would also be amazing.
- For the earth
- We should reduce the use of anything that cannot be recycled
- There are environmentally friendly options readily available. Wooden stir sticks and reusable shopping bags.
- Yes, there is generally always an alternative to single use items that we can use instead. We only have one earth.
- To help the planet.



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- Hopefully it can help with over production of garbage and change manufacturers model of waste. I believe most Calgarians already know that plastic degrades our environment and I believe most want to change their shopping habits.
- They are not needed. Anyone can have a set of cutlery to carry with them. Same as the change with a water bottle. Baby steps otherwise our planet will be reduced to nothing. The big thing will be having establishments stop providing them.
- Single-use plastics are extremely wasteful and harmful to the environment
- Single use plastic items will be haunting us for the rest of our lives and they really aren't even that much more convenient than reusable products. Our children's children should not have to clean up our messes. Also, microplastics!!
- Well considering that most people probably doesn't know what can actually be recycled it ends up in the landfill anyways and if we reduce single use items (plastic baggies, forks and knives..ect) maybe we can reduce the amount that goes into the landfill
- Reduce the impact of consumption on local natural areas, as well as reducing the impact that manufacturing has on the environment
- There's too much of these type of garbage
- There are compostable options out there. Businesses should be responsible for the waste they put into the world. Utilizing compostable options lessens the impact on the environment.
- Single use plastics are a waste of resources and we as a society have become to reliant on them. It is not sustainable for someone to quickly pick-up food items in plastic containers.
- It should be easy enough to do, but you need to reduce the burden on the end use to separate and/or know which parts of single use can be recycled (eg cup vs lid)
- We need to do our part to move past these items
- We are being so irresponsible by producing and consuming so many single-use items. Often these items hardly make life more convenient (sometimes the opposite), and it can be quite easy to find an alternative that does not create this unnecessary waste.
- Single-use items serve a single purpose for a very short period of time. As a City we need to better understand the negative environmental effects on our rivers, in our parks, and the burden on our water treatment and waste collection/diversion efforts.
- Why? Because environmental, morally, and economically it's the intelligent thing to do. It would calgary an businesses more competitive in the long run and provide a future for subsequent generations.
- Single use items should be replaced by items that can either be reused or fully recyclable. Many single use items have mixed materials, and this is where we run into the most problems in terms of recycling.
- I think this is important to do, HOWEVER, this must be done in consultation from groups who advocate for those with disabilities. Some items, such as plastic cutlery and plastic straws are vital for accessibility of people with disabilities.
- Because it is crucial to our environment.



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- For all of the reasons listed above in your project description.
- Single use plastics are a global problem and with China not buying our garbage anymore, we finally have to deal with it ourselves. This is an opportunity for Calgary to show global leadership.
- The benefits to phase out single-use items outweigh the environmental, and ecological costs. Convenience shouldn't outweigh a future to live in a habitable, diverse environment. Many other urban cities in Canada are doing small, impactful things now.
- Excessive packaging and single use plastics are there for convenience, but will affect humans for generations to come. We can all adapt so this doesn't have to be.
- Because we need to start taking real steps towards stopping climate change
- Unless they are compostable or recyclable they shouldn't be used. In this day and age there is no need to add more garbage.
- 2018 was my first experience at Calgary Folk Fest. I was so impressed by this zero waste event. What an incredible endeavor! If it's possible there, why aren't we working toward the same achievement as a city?
- Yes, because we can't continue to let our landfills expand at the rate that they currently are.
- Environment
- We can be a leader in improving Canada's abysmal po
- Difficult or can't be recycled. Creates litter that is forever. Perpetuates our throw and go culture. Many of these items have easy environmentally friendly options
- It's a great opportunity for the City of Calgary to demonstrate should take action
- reduction of waste
- Behaviours aren't changing despite widespread attention/awareness about impacts of SUP
- The amount of garbage is out of control
- fsddsgfdf
- It is necessary at all government levels to put in policies that protect the environment from consumer waste and aim to correct our habits and become more environmentally sustainable.
- Single use plastics are a very easy and extremely powerful way of reducing waste and inefficient use of resources that lead to overproduction of things such as oil
- The zoo has successfully changed their cutlery and containers to compostable items. It would be a major step forward for our city.
- Change takes radical action. If the city doesnt regulate the industry wil be too slow to chnge on their own. Think of composting, it was radical at the time but once it was the norm people got used to it.
- For the sake of the planet we live on and for the health of the children of the future!
- We should be a progressive city, reducing single use items provides a positive environmental impact for everyone in the world.
- If there's a plan implemented, it would be a lot easier to follow than to go around it blindly.
- We are producing way too much waste.
- Yes because while individuals need to take action, municipal bylaws can have a huge impact.



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- the waste of the Boomers needs to be mitigated for the rest of us.
- We're kinda drowning in plastic waste.
- It's incredibly important for the health of the planet, and these single use items are add up a significant amount, however most people don't consider it in their daily lives.
- I think that it is important that we reduce the amount of waste going to our landfills and that we begin to use more sustainable or more easily disposed of materials.
- It is these single use items that create most of the litter in and around all city's.
- The City of Calgary should take action to reduce garbage to combat climate change and conserve the environment for future generations
- I notice at work that people are not good at separating recyclable, compostable and trash items so I see the issue with contamination. It would be a lifestyle change for many, including myself, so changes would best be made gradually.
- Everyone should use cloth bags
- Garbage from single use is a huge problem. We should be limiting the amount of single use things that are even legal. Outlaw plastic straws, cutlery and plastic bags.
- As a society we need to drastically reduce our wasteful habits. It can't be voluntary.
- Because there are so many better options available that are better for our environment
- We can always do more to reduce our waste. It's everyone's responsibility to protect our environment and do whatever we can to reduce our impact!
- Single use plastics are a cancer on our planet
- its important for the planet
- Yes! Single use plastics are a complete waste, definite polluter, and can be replaced with compostable options or eliminated entirely. Example: Starbucks coffee stoppers? So unnecessary, design a better lid; take out containers? Use compostable ones.
- It is important for Calgary to continue to adapt and keep up with waste reduction and management. Composting was a great leap forward but a well thought out strategy in this area could make a huge impact and is worth exploring.
- Plastics in general, but single use plastics in particular, are a cost that private industry is placing on society and for generations to come. It must be dealt with.
- single use items are a waste of time, money and energy and have a negative impact on our environment.
- Single use items are not only meant for one place (the garbage) but we are robbing our children of resources (Earth overshoot day Aug 1).
- Because it's 100% going to happen at some point, may as well lead.
- Many people are interested in recycling or reducing but unsure of how to do so.
- Convenience is rarely worth waste



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- Although I believe we should reduce single use plastic items, I think we should still consider the needs of people with disabilities. As someone with a disability, it can be difficult to have a drink without a straw.
- We need to create less of a mess for our children and grandchildren to clean up
- It's an obvious problem for the environment that could be handled well with city by-laws.
- It's important we try to limit the amount of trash we send to the landfill. Disposable packaging and containers are at an all-time high - the status quo is unsustainable.
- Because it is the right thing to do
- Single use plastic items are destroying the environment. We should strive to make reusable and sustainable more socially acceptable.
- There's so much plastic being thrown out that ends up in the landfill, on the streets, in oceans and none of this waste can be broken down. It just doesn't make sense to sell things in large amounts of plastic when there are other alternatives (ecofriendly)
- It's easy to replace these in your day to day life
- Single use items are cheaper for businesses to buy so they'll do it. They need pressure to push them towards more sustainable options.
- Yes
- There are so many alternatives to single use items.
- Because it is entirely possible given we have only been living this way in the last 20 years. It just requires people to be more intentional in understanding what impact it has when you throw something out. No more out of sight out of mind thinking.
- Save the planet!
- Better for environment and reduce taxes related to services and landfills
- Save the world
- Absolutely- it's our future. Either make packaging very durable and recyclable, or make it quickly compostable.
- There are less wasteful alternatives that could be easily implemented to protect our planet from waste
- It's not that big an inconvenience, but it's something that needs to happen eventually
- Leading cities around the planet are banning single use plastics in order to reduce our impact on the environment and decrease the amount of garbage in our landfills
- we are consistently hearing about the amount of waste we produce, the harm to the environment, and the lack of space to put the garbage. We need to finally implement actions to combat this
- All single use needs to be compostable.
- Everywhere I go I notice the use of single use plastic, including city of calgary events. I would love to see signs encouraging people to bring their own tupperware and places using compostable paper straws, plates, cups instead of plastic.
- We don't need excess packaging and it's harmful to the environment



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- We are ruining the planet.
- Our environment cannot sustain itself much longer from the damage of plastic waste. It, in most cases, does not biodegrade, has been found in increasing amounts in our food chain, and is a flippant misuse of natural resources.
- Because it will reduce the size of our landfills
- Definitely needed. Also should look at letting (making?) businesses recycle/compost/etc to reduce waste from that stream.
- Definitely, we all need to have a role in reducing single use items. The city of Calgary should take action and become a role model, even by just providing awareness, programs and alternatives more people are likely to help in the reduction of these items
- because it's destroying our planet
- Absolutely. There is little reason in my mind for the single use things that we at times do not even use and just discard. There are better ways.
- It's vital we take steps to reduce garbage in landfills and our impact on the environment. It's very important our government take action and lead in these decisions, knowing it's our turn the betterment of our city. Cannot be left to citizens to do alone
- Please get rid of this junk
- Overfilled wastebins are a common sight. As well, too often I'm given single use items that I neither need nor asked for.
- It is an easy thing to do, but takes an initial push to get people to change their habits. - especially getting people to stop using plastic (I feel less strongly about biodegradable take out containers)
- It's absolutely crazy to mine, refine and process a new petroleum product for a single use and then throw it in the landfill forever rather than just washing your dishes.
- We have an obligation to move towards a more sustainable way of life in our city. Companies could partner with the city to make these types of things an option and more accessible for Calgarians
- Obligation towards sustainable living
- Compostable and/or reusable and recyclable options exist for most of the products listed below
- We need to start to get ahead of our plastic problem before it's too late
- If we give people the choice to take action early on and remove the temptation to use single-use plastics out of convenience, it will be easier for us to adopt a zero waste lifestyle in the long run.
- environmental responsibility is important
- To protect the environment, as long as measures introduced are not harmful to vulnerable populations such as those with disabilities.
- Most of these single use items cannot be recycled (ex. straws, plastic lids from disposal cups, stir sticks, etc.)
- seems like an unnecessary extravagance at the cost of the environment
- To contribute less waste to the ecosystem.



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- There are lots of alternatives to single-use items: bringing your own cutlery/dishware, to reusable items/cardboard/recyclable materials. But re-use or elimination of single-use items would make the biggest impact.
- It is important to protect our environment.
- Reduce litter and landfill waste
- The city needs to take responsibility for the waste as well as the people. So many city events are not environmentally friendly (eg. Plastic cups at events, plastic plates) yet they expect the public to take charge of the waste consumption.
- We need to reduce our litter and waste, and the city should help lead the way.
- There is no reason not to!
- Will keep our city cleaner and necessary to reduce waste and change peoples behaviours
- The amount of single use plastic needs to drastically be reduced. I think all of the things on the list could be replaced by other reusable alternatives - straws and plastic bags especially. We could just get rid of those all together.
- Some of those items will stay on earth or in the oceans for hundreds of years. Pollution, danger to wildlife. Recycling is not always an option and it uses energy.
- These items are not necessary. Citizens will get used to dealing without them. We need the city to show leadership
- It's important for us to be responsible! There is so much waste!! It really bothers me, after living in the UK for a year- we need to get ahead of it, before it's too late! I would love to see Plastic bags become illegal or all stores use Plant Based bags
- There is such a high cumulative impact on even 1 Calgarian's consumption and disposal of single-use items. The convenience of eating out isn't going to go away, but we need to find a way to do so responsibly.
- It's an easy way to be more green. It also raises the public consciousness of ways they can be more green
- Because the amount of non reusable products is such a waste of resources, time and money along with polluting the environment, I would like my kids to have the future we once promised instead of breaking their future hopes and dreams
- There is far too much waste from single-use items and we need our local government to take action now.
- We are drowning in plastic worldwide, let's set an example and become a green city.
- So much packaging either cannot be recycled or needs washing prior to recycling. Some things can stand up to washing, but lots cannot. I don't like to add items to the garbage which could be compostable with a little work and imagination.
- There is just so much waste these days. Beverage containers alone, most people have more than 1 a day which is crazy!
- Reduced waste is a good thing



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- There are too many single use items that get used for a few minutes only to spend that much longer in our landfills. Reducing these items will take discipline and work but will only increase our awareness and engagement.
- Yes for the future of our environment and our children's environment. Education is key. Public education for the older generations or people who are indifferent and lazy who just rely upon convenience.
- Oh, praise to thee, great Convenience. My uneducated POV sees that single use garbage slowly accumulates, but users are dislocated from the consequence. They have no incentive to stop using. In this broken market where there are externalities, gov helps.
- We need to act, the City should lead by example
- If the City doesn't show they're doing it, who will
- Of course we should create a plan. Ideally we would completely phase out single use items.
- unnecessary waste sent to landfill, so bad for the environment
- Have more recycling options available. I know the us has many places to recycling plastic shopping bags.
- Single use items are unnecessary products and could easily be replaced with reuseable or compostable single use items, resulting in less landfill waste and garbage in the environment, reducing these items is a necessary step in protecting the ecosystem
- Save the planet
- Single use items are destroying our environment. They are also costing tax lawyers money by filling g up landfills.
- World depends on it
- To build a more sustainable future and decrease landfill creations
- just do it
- Because many single use items can be eliminated or turned into reusable
- We should ban most of these items, especially straws and plastic bags.
- reduce contamination to our recycling program
- I think there are a lot of single use items that don't even need to be offered. People should buy their own straws, people can bring their own bags.
- i see so much litter pertaining to these items
- There is so much waste from single use items, it feels like nothing I do personally really has an impact. As a city, we could make a big change.
- Because people use them because they're easy and cheap. Convenient. It's obviously not stopping, we knew when I was in elementary school that they were bad... I'm 40 now.
- We need to try and make a difference any way we can
- Single use items are damaging to our local economy and environment. Simple as.
- Because there are always alternatives
- Yes



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- Reduction of garbage will lead to a sustainable, green society. It may be hard but it is possible and as a community we need to get on board to save our planet. May not be now but small steps should be take.
- Reduce waste
- Well it would eliminate a lot of waste in the landfill.
- So environment can be clean as well as the city
- We should strive to be a leader in environmental sustainability.
- Too much garbage and wasted resources. The solution has to start somewhere.
- Because the environment is the biggest issue of our time and our city should be a leader...or at the very least not a laggard.
- It's a really important issue of international importance. This is our chance to show leadership on the issue!
- Yes, with technology advancing we should also. Step it up.
- Because it's hurting the earth
- Self explanatory. We should be taking these OBVIOUS measures to reduce negative environmental impacts.
- These items are not easily recyclable.
- Most of these items aren't disposed of properly. We need less waste. Less littering. It would make for a cleaner city.
- Because they are bad for the environment.
- Absolutely! We need to move away from single-use plastics especially, and many organizations are already taking steps toward this (7-11, Value Village, etc.)
- I don't think we can ever fully get rid of single-use products, but wee need to promote the use of compostable replacements
- Because the fate of the planet is at stake. Every city, every country needs to take drastic action NOW.
- We either start using biodegradable single use items or eliminate them completely. Perhaps it is time to think outside the box and find a better way to replace the single use items.
- There is a huge societal cost to these items of "convenience". They are a clear example of the Tragedy of the Commons and must be curtailed.
- Because we could use less landfills and we could benefit greatly by having a comprehensive recycling program which encourages residents to produce zero-waste. Most products made out of plastic and styrofoam, can be replaced by biodegradable materials
- It's about time. Global warming is already a reality. The only thing we can do is slow it down.
- Single-use items, specifically plastics, can be replaced with different alternatives.
- Single use items end up in dumps and very often will not decay or compost - harmful to the environment and potential for poisoning our water systems and earth.
- Because it's 2018!



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- We need to take more personal responsibility, and remember to bring re-usable items. Too much garbage - our poor planet! We need to get a handle on this now.
- Single use plastic and paper are completely unnecessary and tragically polluting to our communities and waterways.
- To save the environment; for children to live in a clean world
- Single-Use items can easily be replaced with alternatives, or make single-use items higher in price to reduce people buying them.
- Because single-use items are having a really negative impact on our environment, and even a little bit of change would make a big difference
- Because it impacts the environment! We need to take care of our planet, we only have one.
- A lot of items that are produced aren't really necessary.
- Contributes to environmental issues and there are compostable options available
- If not the city, then the province, or federally. Companies aren't taking responsibility for the consequences of providing customers with single use items. We need change bigger than the individual.
- To reduce litter and garbage that ends up in the landfill
- They're unnecessary and bad for the environment.
- Right now, there aren't any alternatives. If we could make compostable plastic a requirement, or other things like edible utensils then they become cheaper.
- the creation and shipping of these use a lot of oil and related resources then they fill up the landfill
- Why wouldn't we? It ultimately benefits us all
- Single use items have become too much a part of everyday practice for many. The City should be leading on how to reduce this unnecessary waste.
- We have a responsibility to the future to do what we can to protect our environment, especially as such a large city.
- Without a push, big businesses will continue to do what's easy and cheap, placing onus in the user to make an environmental choice. Small businesses still have to follow suit to stay competitive.
- To save the planet
- City action will ensure all Calgarians participate in much needed efforts to reduce waste.
- These items cause so much waste
- Landfill space is limited and we need to reduce the wasteful use of resources.
- Use of energy required in producing single use items, affects global warming, pollution, waste management and so on.
- Less waste. Better for the environment.
- Better options available we can do much better.
- Because we have to play our part and the logic is well established why it is essential for our planet
- Reduce waste
- Plastic bags should go



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- We're running out of time to take action.
- No change without City led action. Must incent private sector to sustain change
- Single use items are often unnecessary and contribute to waste
- Our landfills are filling up and what we are doing now is not sustainable. We ALL need to make a change to reduce our day to day waste and learn to reuse / fix / respect the items we have instead of always throwing them out.
- These changes could have major impact. It would be worth trying to minimize unnecessary plastic.
- Single-use items are completely unnecessary and a significant strain on our environment. It's important that the City prioritizes reducing use of these items and incentives Calgarians to stop relying on single-use items.
- Our planet is being destroyed by plastics. It's showing up in our food and in the stomachs of animals. We need a biodegradable alternative and we need it quickly. Or we have to completely change the way we live.
- I wish we can recycle everything
- Any little but helps and will divert from garbage to compost (with organic based vegetables)
- Basically for all of the reasons already stated above. In the long run, it is the right thing to work towards taking better care of the earth.
- High environmental cost
- Because the waste from these is ridiculous, and with a small amount of effort it could be greatly reduced.
- There are plenty of alternatives to land fill-generating single use items. Not doing so is simply lazy.
- Single use items are often not even used & tossed directly into the garbage.
- because no individual producer will - city action creates a level playing field
- Education is key when it comes to environment issues
- It is easy to reduce use of single use items. As long as there are protections in place for those who require them (disabilities).
- yes please, so important!! all these items so non biodegradable and, hence, cluttering up our world in soooooo many ways!!!
- It is not sustainable to think we can continue to accumulate waste the way we currently are. The world deserves more responsible consumption.
- Without rules lowest business cost will continue. Try looking at UCalgary Mac Hall Food court as an example of moving forward.
- we Have a moral obligation to do anything we can to reduce waste and energy consumption. This is a great step.
- We desperately need to cut down the amount of waste especially plastics!
- Too much plastic in everyday life
- We do not live on this planet rent-free. It's time to be accountable for the waste we produce. The City can pave the way in waste mitigation strategies.



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- because the planet is becoming disgusting and if we're building a stronger future it's a longer future
- Time to do something for the environment and our city
- Very wasteful of non renewable resources and can be replaced.
- Reduce waste
- the less garbage we produce the better.
- Any waste reduction is good.
- I believe these single use items are unnecessary and wasteful. Recycling them could help get Calgarians more conscious of the waste they produce and considering eco friendly options.
- It's smart, efficient use of resources and the ethical thing to do.
- Single use plastics are a relatively easy way for us as a city to reduce waste.
- There are now a magnitude of recyclable or compostable replacements to single serve to plastics. We need to be environmentally responsible especially if we have the resources available.
- There would be less in the landfills.
- To reduce litter in our environment
- It is clear that a top down approach will have far more impact in this city and people will get over their silly biases which they use as excuses on an individual level
- We NEED to take action on this horrendous issue. Recycling is a joke when everything gets sent to China. We cannot leave trash for future generations to live and deal with. We must act now
- We as citizens of the world need to start taking care of the environment for the sake of future generations.
- Because it will take effort to limit our impact on our environment.
- To reduce our waste and negative impacts on the environment
- Reduce pollution to the soil, air and water.
- Single use items though small, add up
- Because there is no need for it. We have what we need. People just need to bring the stuff they have. Bags, straws, cups, containers, water bottles...
- These items are used because of habit and convenience, but there are better alternatives such as using a dry tube of pasta as a straw.
- Most people don't care about doing things to help the environment unless they have to.
- It's hard to say what municipal govt can do to take action; consumers need to make better choices, is step one. If there could be a bylaw for no-single-use-items, then for SURE model this environmental and responsible action!!! BE a leader! Thanks! :)
- A city wide program would have a bigger impact than individuals are able to make on our own
- We can develop a culture of using reusable items to protect our natural areas and keep high pollutant garbage out of landfills day
- it would help the environment
- Yes. I think if the single use products are compostable its ok. But everything elase should be banned. I own a cafe, and 90% of my single use products are compostable.



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- SO MANY other places have already implemented bans/limitations on things. I think we AT LEAST need to charge for grocery store plastic bags - that's a first step in reducing them.
- It is a societal burden that municipal government is best positioned to address
- We need to use less resources - particularly petrochemical and reduce our production of garbage
- It is important for the city to set the tone by building policy for its citizens
- It's wasteful.
- Less waste is always good isn't it?
- We dead in 10 years. Stop making so much trash
- Sustainability is vitally important to us all. Especially given recent news that the planet has only a few years to drastically correct our negative impacts on the planet, Calgary should be doing everything we can to increase sustainability in our city.
- Yes please. The world is already experiencing a lot of issues, such as climate change, due to the amount of waste that is produced globally. Even if one city changes their conduct towards being environmentally friendly, we can start a discussion.
- Single-use items are wasteful - much energy is used and pollution created in their manufacture, they only get used for a few seconds or minutes, and then they persist in the environment for hundreds of years after. People can easily adapt to not use them.
- Waste of resources and generates too much waste
- I need more options! We should all work harder to protect the environment. This matters.
- We should focus on making single use items compostable, as eliminating them entirely is unrealistic. There is a way to marry convenience and environmentalism.
- We need to make it mandatory to take care of the environment
- It matters. We can all do more to reduce waste and help the environment
- Yes because we do not realize how much garbage we actually go through in a week and how much of it stays in landfills for years, significantly hurting the environment.
- Environment in the long term will like it.
- Yes, because lots of businesses use single use items and it seems foolish to not try to reduce the waste created from those. Alternatively, if these items were made from compostable materials that might help reduce waste as well
- It is important for everyone to try to reduce our waste
- Yes! Our planet is hurting so much. Let us be leaders in sustainable innovation that our great grandchildren can take pride in.
- Good for environment, good for pocketbook.
- Single use plastics are terrible for the environment. We can do so much better but we need the city to take initiative because convenience items are very difficult to convince people to reduce their use of.
- Environmental impacts, very easy to replace.



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- It is absolutely necessary. It is completely unsustainable and must be addressed. Calgary has to follow suit with all the other leading cities to create change and adapt to new practices.
- Regulation is the only way to move unmotivated businesses away from the easy to avoid pollution.
- Our planet is being destroyed
- These are things that are not necessary. I have my own coffee cup and take it with me everywhere .But why do places insist on putting a sleeve on it. I don;t need it. Reduce the waste.
- So much of the single-use items are used out of convenience, not necessity. They are damaging to our environment and fill the landfills unnecessarily.
- Because I support the environment and want to do everything possible to make the world a better and healthier place
- No need for single use plastic ending up in our oceans and food chain
- A city our size has an opportunity to make a significant impact on our world. I would love to be a resident in a city which chooses to make that a positive impact. A small change to our citizens days could have a significant outcome.
- Reduce is the first part of REduce reuse recycle
- When I try to take my own steps I am often thwarted- for instance if I bring my own container to buy a to-go lunch, sometimes they say they can't use it for health reasons. If there were laws or bylaws allowing it I might not have this problem.
- Too many resources go into items with extremely short lives and then we are left to deal with the resulting garbage. In short, we and our environment cannot afford it, in many ways.
- Because ecology is a thing.
- I think it would be relatively easy to enforce and implement. There are cities that have done it. I see how much composting and recycling have reduced my footprint and I want to do more.
- It is obvious.
- Unless there is a better way to recycle these products, placing a ban would stop people from using them. Styrofoam take out containers, cups, and meat trays are the worse. People forget the 1st steps is to reduce, then reuse, then 3rdly recycle.
- Single-use items are among the main causes of environmental destruction.
- Yes I do. With a couple simple changes we could drastically help reduce preventable waste
- Save money and reduce consumption
- Na
- It is our responsibility as a municipality and citizens to reduce our waste and environmental imlact. The impact of these products is huge.
- So much single-use plastic is needlessly dumped into landfills every day.
- This issue is huge. It's unnecessary and destroying our earth. We must find alternative solutions.
- At least I'd love to see some more biodegradable or recyclable options take over. Sometimes single use is hard to avoid, but it'd be nice to end up with compostable paper/plastic over Styrofoam.

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- Reduce the amount of material sent to landfill Reduce contamination of our recycled and composted materials Reduce the amount of these items managed through our public waste collection and litter programs Reduce litter from these items in our environment
- Save our environment and money, reduce waste
- Better for the environment
- Necessary
- There is far too much waste out there. Litter, recycling, trash bins... it all needs to be greatly reduced.
- We need to take action to reduce our landfill volume and environmental impact. Other locations have successfully implemented these bans so why not us.
- I think the City of Calgary should take action to reduce garbage because it will make our city cleaner and big a huge stepping stone for a healthy green environment and other metropolitan cities will take notice. Small steps create big steps.
- Single use items are creating most of the waste and are harmful for the environment
- Yes because it good for the environment, but to pretend that it "us the people" who are polluting everything. big businesses are the REAL issue
- I believe they should because of the negative environmental impact that single use items have.
- I end up asking restaurants, for example, to not put a plastic straw in the bag or with my drink, but they forget or still get ore-packed in the bag. If there was a reduction mandate for cups, I'd be more conscious to bring my own.
- Yes - to reduce the quantity of these items at landfills
- I think businesses need to be encouraged to move away from single use products. The city has done such a great job with bringing in curbside recycling and composting this is obviously the next step.
- Important to reduce waste and impact. Encourage less single use items.
- Single use waste is horrible for the environment and creates so much garbage. By taking action the amount of waste can hopefully be reduced.
- unnecessary waste
- Because it's killing the planet
- We need a top down approach to waste reduction to ensure it is applied to all people reasonably and fairly. People and businesses will not reduce waste unless they benefit from it or have no other choice.
- Some people will not take initiative on their own
- Action against the perpetrators (businesses), not consumers. I'm tired of picking up the tax bill for companies, ridiculous "art" and failed Olympic bids. Time to put power back in our hands instead of lining you and your friends pockets.
- People will use services provided! If the means to be less wasteful is offered, it will be utilized.
- Less in landfill



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- In order to save resources and protect the environment as well as reduce pollution.
- Because there are so many other options. We only have 1 planet, we need to take better care of it, and it's such an easy solution!
- Because businesses won't take it on themselves, and it will help the consumers make better choices
- So much waste
- I think we should as they fill up landfills and are terrible in general. We've only got one earth, need to help in every way
- Help reduce our waste
- Single-use items (i.e., plastics) require petroleum to produce (a process that generates GHGs), and then their disposal generates more GHGs. They contaminate the environment as well. Human & environmental health depends on reducing our impact on Earth.
- We need to respect and appreciate our environment. People clearly aren't taking the initiative that they are capable of, so it's time the City sets some rules.
- Have you seen the oceans?!
- We are lazy and we will all learn to cope with any changes, even if we hate it at first.
- I believe plastic bags would be easy to cut out- since we all have reusable cloth bags. So why not? Also styrofoam should be banned
- Calgary needs to be a leader. After the blue and green carts, this is the next step!
- Single use plastics are things people can live without and they are polluting our Earth.
- There are alternatives to single use products that would greatly reduce the costs and environmental impact of these products. Concrete action by Council is needed to change ingrained habits around their use.
- We are responsible, morally, and financially
- It's a lot of unnecessary plastic that usually gets thrown out in landfills.
- Change is needed. There are much better alternatives available.
- Too much plastic waste
- Not all plastics are needed. Too many conveniences. Adapting to change is what we do. Plastic is destroying the ecosystem in place.
- The time is now and they are not needed.
- Saves the environment
- Because it makes environmental and fiscal sense. Encourage reduction, BUT NOT A BAN. Especially without a viable alternative. Paper bags for plastic bags is not a viable alt. (they're actually env worse).
- Because single use items are killing our planet
- To reduce garbage going into the landfill!!
- We need to be less wasteful and mindful of our consumption and what we leave behind.
- to reduce waste



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- Our planet is rapidly changing for the worst. Reducing our single use garbage will help the planet and create a cleaner environment.
- There is simply no reason not to!!
- We need to reduce waste to our landfills and it seems we don't recycle as many items as we should
- We need help to not contaminate recycleable and compostable materials
- Because it's a huge environmental issue and it's time we change habits. Having it be an initiative will force people to make alternative decisions that was sustainable and fore innovation for sustainable products.
- Hopefully people will think about their choices instead of just doing what is easy.
- To reduce landfill waste
- Many single use items can be replaced with multi use items, plastic cutlery, straws, etc. These are small items that are not a requirement.
- help reduce waste
- Environmental concerns
- It should be mandatory for businesses to have compost and recycle bins for staff and the public to use. Businesses that don't should be fined.
- There are alternatives to these items
- if we don't take action NOW, we will suffer the repercussions of this in the future.
- It's important for the environment and landfill
- I believe single use plastic items are largely unnecessary in homes and business. I'm speaking of plastic utensils, bags, cups, bottles, coffee cups. These all have alternatives
- You've already explained some excellent reasons for reducing waste. I agree
- There are compostible options for almost all common single-use items.
- We need to look after the environment in responsible ways
- Without someone or some entity starting a movement we won't change public perception and behaviour. We need to create a new norm.
- These items are bad for the environment and we should all be reducing our use. That being said it is also hard for lower income or busy families to reduce their use so I think we should take a more encouraging action than something like a fee or ban.
- We need to reduce waste and discourage wasting resources on these items
- Because this is an incredible amount of our landfill waste.
- The amount of waste that is produced from single use items drastically affects climate change because of the greenhouse gases that are released into the atmosphere through the production of these items.
- People don't understand all the impact our packaging is having. Others are doing it - if we want to be a leader we have to step up too. It won't be perfect but I think we should try.
- these do not recycle
- encouraging businesses to use recycled or items that can be recycled is good for our environment



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- Sooner or later it's going to have to be done
- Because it is one of the leading causes of environmental pollution and it is unnecessary
- I think not taking food containers from fast food places like the items you listed is a shame. I have been sending them in anyway and will continue to do so.
- Too much garbage produced in Canada
- With the long awaited roll out of our composting program there is no reason to allow single use plastic items. So many more environmentally friendly options are available. We need nudge from central authorities at time to change behaviour. Let's do this!
- There is no need for all the single use items offered
- I have been meaning to call 311 to complain about the lack of recycling options in parks and recreation/sport centre. Every week when I go to the Calgary soccer centre, I am horrified by the number of disposable coffee cups in the garbage cans!!!
- A challenging and complicated subject, but I support any effort to reduce the use of plastics in general. With sustained effort, we will collectively become more effective and find creative solutions to eliminate their use over time.
- We should be a leading city in waste reduction
- We need to be holding industry more accountable for the waste they generate and are leaving for our children's earth. I think there could be a shift to make more items out of compostable materials.
- We need to reduce plastic use overall
- Need to reduce our items which go to the landfill. We live in a world of convenience and should be responsible in doing so.
- Because the city is responsible for waste management. Also, people tend to adapt when single use items are not available. There are great alternatives to most single use items that don't affect people adversely.
- Reduce waste so less goes into landfill. Need to move away from being a disposable community.
- There's no need for them today. With so many other options, there's no excuse to keep creating single use waste.
- It's not sustainable; reduce negative environmental impact
- To reduce waste
- I want to live in a city that promotes sustainability, this should be a priority in all departments
- because we can do better than single use, it's that simple!
- Because excess plastic is ruining the planet
- Plastic has a bad impact on the environment and our lives.
- Also, if difficult or more expensive use compostable single-use items instead.
- They are not necessary
- It is better for the environment, would make Calgary a leader in the area, and would save money on waste management.



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- I believe we can influence the market, allow for innovation to avoid single use. Oh should I say here the olympics is single use lol
- It's a good idea.
- The impact that single use items has on our planet is horrific. I use re-usable bags for my groceries, we recycle and I say no to straws and plastic bags when asked. Unfortunatley I don't think other people are as proactive so the city should step in!
- Environment. Waste disposal costs. Lack of recycling efficiency (net gains). Better reallocation of city resources. Begin shifting attitudes.
- We need to limit our garbage there is too much in the world
- reduce costs and reduce needs for disposal areas
- Single use items create a significant amount of non-recyclable waste, and many that can be recycled are not done properly by users. It is our responsibility to make efforts to reduce waste everywhere and as much as possible.
- People won't do it on their own initiative, so the city's action would be great.
- Plastics are made from non-renewable fossil fuels & take up to 1000 years to break down. Plastic pollution impacts our waters, marine life, our food chain and the public health. Any efforts to reduce usage should be supported.
- It is an important shift in ecological sustainability and stewardship responsibility. We are only as great as the responsibility we take on!
- The amount of waste currently generated by humans is deplorable. This needs to be tackled now.
- To help alleviate landfill waste and garbage at large in streets
- We need an incinerator plant so we can get rid of the garbage and use carbon capturing plants.
- Much of it is unnecessary and ends up piling up in the landfills.
- Yes absolutely. The City can set policies to reduce or eliminate these items and is the best organization to lead and coordinate on this. This involves behavioural changes and businessess (stores, restaurants) need to change their packaging and policies
- Yes. Every week my recycling is to the brim with items I consider single use and unnecessary. It is so wasteful.
- well some reglitory body has to do something since change for the ecosyetem isnt profitable
- Tired of seeing bags of waste from take out foods littering our streets and parks, People just throw them out of their car windows. We need to find an alternative that is completely recyclable.
- Any Plastics ever produced should all be recyclable either that or Plastics should not be be allowed to be used if they cannot be recycled
- When you really look at how much garbage is generated from single use plastic alone, it's absurd. Eventually, you'll run out of space, and waste so many changes energy dealing with it!
- Most of these single use items already have alternatives that are more environmentally friendly. For example using paper straws instead of plastic is such a easy switch for a huge benefit. Calgary must lead in fighting against climate change.



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- ...to reduce waste, conserve resources, protect what little beauty we have left.
- It's about changing marketed and acceptable behaviour. We are exactly where we have chosen to be. Re-education is key.
- Because single use plastic is wasteful and not sustainable
- To set an example and better the environment
- We all need to reduce waste. The city will benefit from reduced landfill costs.
- SUP are killing our eco-systems. Better options are available. Businesses-esp fast food-s/b mandated to eliminate S-U items. Other cities, states, countries are eliminating plastics; let Calgary be at the forefront of change. We must think forward.
- I have counted 14 plastic straws in a small area in 1 hour. I encourage the use of reusable storage containers instead of plastic bags
- Plastics last forever. Most can't be recycled and recycling doesn't get rid of them. There should be regulations on ALL single use and plastic packaging. Tax incentives to businesses that use compostable products or avoid plastic in general.
- Reduce Waste to the Landfill and the overall impact of plastic to the environment.
- We need to end useless waste in small ways first, then build on them. Also, small waste can be swapped out for eco-friendly alternatives quite easily.
- Action against non-recyclable single use items. There are great take out food containers that are recyclable that all restaurants should be mandated to use.
- Because the increased garbage are starting to surface through the city; seeing more garbage outside making Calgary look dirty
- Creating a strategy to decrease or eliminate single-use items is needed in all major cities. Reduction of single-use waste is a great way to curb waste and pull the reins in on our disposable consumer habits.
- Single use items do not seem like the most sustainable choice a consumer can choose
- Single use items are ending up on the street making for an unsightly mess, they are clogging up our landfills and some are impacting wildlife when they ingest them.
- to help save our planet!
- While some individuals can and do reduce their own waste, policies that encourage and make it affordable for the individual family or person to reduce their waste will be more impactful. I want my kids to know we are doing our part to live sustainably.
- Industry is not likely to address this issue without regulation, at least outside of straws.
- For all the reasons stated above. Single use = waste.
- because they don't bio-degrade and the plastics are destroying our planet.
- We overuse a lot of single-use items
- Single-use items are wasteful and tax our waste diversion system. The city has more influence than individual consumers to shift policy/practices.
- Single use items are wasteful and detrimental to the environment.

- Because there are too much plastic which is single-used. People use it only once but the effect of it is frightening and affects the whole environment and species.
- Because single use items are unnecessary
- There are many compostable plastics or alternatives for take out, short of the in-development bacteria which eats plastic coming to Calgary, we need to do something now! I get frustrated when I see single use plastic, we need to stop.
- So much of this ends up on the street. the plastic degrades and ends up in the watet system where fisth try to eat it.
- There is research saying that in this life time, global warming will be irreversible. It's time we do our part to help our environment in any possible way.
- Single-use items are just irresponsible. We live in a time where we can be far more responsible and efficient with what we throw out! No more time for ignorance, it's time for awareness!
- There are viable alternatives for most of the single use items that are going to landfill or worse into rivers,lakes and ocean. People need to be pushed to adopted use.
- Because the entire WORLD should be addressing this issue!
- Because it will reduce the amount of litter on the streets and reduce our carbon footprint.
- The city should be involved in enforcing these efforts.
- Society's awareness of the problems caused by excessive waste and single use plastics is growing. Our appetite for tackling these issues is also increasing.
- Reduce the amount of waste in landfills and things that end up in bodies of water
- Reduce costs to both collect and dispose of in land fills
- Absolutely. This is a large, growing issue, and we should keep up with other cities in this movement (ie. Vancouver) so as to show our environmental leadership.
- Single-use items are a huge issue within our community. The City of Calgary taking action helps to engage the community with how they can influence large organizations to change as well. The City needs to take a leadership role in making this change.
- Individuals seem unwilling to take personal responsibility.
- It helps because every action taken, no matter how small, makes a difference.
- Because I feel that it is our responsibility to reduce our waste. Especially meaningless wastes like plastic disposable anything.
- It is our responsibility to reduce waste
- Single use items are used way too often and are such a waste. We need to take every step however small we can to help our planet!
- Our bins are ridiculously huge, there is no disinsentive encouraging we do better. As a four person houselhold, our bin should never be full, and it never is, yet I see plenty of neighbouring homes with overflowing bins, every week. Disturbing.
- It would make recycling decisions easier for us ie more of the plastics that we have could go into the bin. Plus, I'm concerned about plastic waste and would like to see it reduced



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- Our use of plastic needs to be reduced, plastic never really decomposes, it only breaks into micro plastics which end up everywhere. Reducing single use plastics that immediately end up in landfill is a huge step in the right direction.
- They are often highly unnecessary items that pollute our city and beyond.
- There are a lot of places (restaurants, stores) that still use, sell, serve single-use plastics that end up in our landfills
- Because plastic is killing the oceans and environment. There are MANY alternatives
- It's wasteful and there are other ways to reduce waste.
- Because I don't think we're going to do it on our own as individuals.
- Using these items only takes about 30 min but they last forever! Many of these items will out live us
- There is way too much waste from everyone consuming and getting take out food, drinks, etc
- We need to start replacing plastic with more environment friendly materials.
- To reduce the environmental impact from producing these items and disposing of them in the landfill.
- I believe that as a City we can share the knowledge and influence each other in good way!
- We need to lead by example and provide the opportunity for individuals to take action or at least have the choice to reduce their consumption. Reducing single-use plastics could be some of the biggest wins for our city's environmental record.
- Too much garbage. Especially coffee cups and straws
- Because this problem will never go away if something isn't done right now. A majority of people in this city lack care but most importantly knowledge for how bad these items truly are. We need change. There is way too much waste in this world.
- Too much garbage. Especially coffee cups and straws
- It hasn't happened yet without City action, so I have no reason to think it will without this change!
- I have no answer
- We need to be an example.
- Because we need to recycle and decrease waste
- It will increase awareness.
- 0000
- Environment
- yes but it may be difficult for certain take out items
- To reduce the negative environmental impact.
- Less waste
- Single use items are bad for the environment.
- Better understanding on what to do with items. Waste, recycle or compost.
- It is important for the environment and our future sustainability
- Single use items are inexpensive and convenient to consumers, and without intervention from a body such as the government, consumers have little incentive to change their habits.



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- Single-use item bans are coming whether we prepare or not, and I think the City could poise itself as both a leader and be prepared for Provincial or Federal legislation.
- Plastic has become such a convenience that we are neglecting that we are neglecting the major environmental impacts. I want to be a city that is actively working to reduce waste to make sure this world is fit for our children to enjoy one-day.
- They need to take leadership in this area which is something that is lacking in most things our city council tries to do.
- Unnecessary use of plastics should be reduced wherever possible.
- It's a lot of unnecessary waste
- Global warming aside, our trash problem is getting way out of hand. This is Calgary's chance to be ahead of the curve. It is such an easy thing to do, and almost nobody will notice it. Get proactive!
- Someone has to start.
- to reduce unnecessary waste
- Save the environment, recycle these items!!!
- Reducing single-use, non-compostable items can be fairly easy to accommodate with re-useable bags/mugs etc. More compostable requirements! And coffee shops are some of the worst offenders.
- We should actively be trying to reduce our consumption.
- We need laws to help people change their mind about garbage.
- Sick of the city, air and water being polluted with cig butts.
- Because convenience shouldn't be a value driver
- Everyone needs to understand the importance of producing less garbage and even less of recyclable materials.
- We need to reduce waste and respect our planet more.
- I think it's the responsibility of the municipality to take leadership on this.
- Every one needs to understand the importance of producing less garbage and even less of the ♻️ materials as a whole.
- Plastic waste ends up everywhere, not just in the landfill. We need to have other solutions to plastic, single use items.
- They are wasteful and it is unsustainable to bury items forever in the landfill.
- Less garbage on our streets and in landfills
- Because people shouldn't be using them period!
- There seems to be too much plastic in the environment. Yet there are more friendlier options.
- There needs to be greater control over what can be used to reduce environmental impact
- Small changes can go a long way in the waste reduction of a large city.
- It's our duty to the environment
- Regulation will force business to find solutions. Otherwise, they'll continue to choose saving money instead of saving the environment.
- It is so wasteful. I hate using something once, quick, then throwing it away. Unless it decomposes



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- People create too much garbage. We should reduce and recycle
- We need to think of more ways to eliminate outbreaks impact we have. We're a rich nation we should be taking action now like other countries.
- To reduce garbage in the landfill and reduce environmental impact
- To decrease landfills filling up and garbage
- To reduce waste and improve the environment.
- Easy way to reduce waste. People will figure out how to live well without these products itll just be an adjustment period.
- Because it will reduce the waste to landfill. In the past, we still can live well without plastic products. And now, i strongly believe that we still can live without plastic again. Also, plastic will harm the human, animals and plants in different ways.
- Landfills are filling up too fast when things can be renewed. Also it's just a waste of sources and materials
- Yes because the way we can make change it through daily habits as individuals and ultimately as a collective
- The problem is obvious to me but possibly not to some - reduce, reduce, reduce to save our world.
- There is far too much plastic being produced that simply gets thrown away shortly after it's use has become obsolete, and ends up in the landfill. Both the production and the waste of these products have huge impacts on our environment
- Because we are too wasteful
- So tired of the waste, we can do better!
- There's too much unnecessary garbage.
- The amount of waste humans produce, particularly non-biodegradable plastics, is unnecessary and devastating.
- To reduce cost and unnecessary resource use and disposal.
- I don't believe our dependence on single use items is sustainable for the long term.
- The negative impact on our oceans and planet from our garbage is at an unacceptable level
- Single use plastic items are not only completely unecassary and can be easily replaced with long lasting reusable counterparts. Therefore reducing our overall waste production drastically with minimal disruption to daily lives or much cost. If none.
- I would prefer not to live in a world of garbage
- We need to be a leader in this area
- We need to protect our environment.
- N/A
- Because they make our planet dirty
- These items are a major cause of wildlife mortality and epitomize a shockingly wasteful lifestyle.
- Single use plastics is devastating to ecosystems
- To set an example for other cities to follow and galvanize the waste reduction mentality in the city.

- To be more environment friendly
- I work for Starbucks and I see how much our store alone goes through of cups, lids, straws. To imagine how much how is used daily city-wide makes me realize how much waste we create.
- There are alternatives if one cares to look for them.
- Go green.
- These items are not necessary and are creating large amounts of waste.
- We need to do everything we can to reduce material going to the landfill. Single use items are so wasteful and unnecessary.
- This will force people to create new sustainable habits
- There is no reason not to. Yes we may lose some creature comforts. But we should all make an effort to reduce our waste.
- single use plastics are brutally bad for the environment. This kind of program should be implemented at a national level to change all packaging of to biodegradable or at the very least recycled plastics.
- Terrible for the environment. Single use plastics have a life cycle of 100-1000 years minimum and yet are used for only minutes before being thrown out. Tackling this issue would be a big impact accomplishment in the fight against plastic pollution.
- The right thing to do, set example for other cities
- Many of the single use items aren't necessary and contribute to excessive waste.
- The amount of waste from single use items is already significant and appears to be growing. Regulations are urgently required! Alternatives need to be developed first.
- It's time to reduce our plastic use, recycling isn't enough.
- Everytime I walks on the road to somewhere, there is always some straw, plastic bag, plastic cup lying on the street, and it is effect the beauty of Calgary city. We should take action now!
- Our oceans are literally filled with plastic. The whole world needs to take action against this!
- Ban plastic bags!!
- Only if there is a reasonable alternative provided. I use all of the items listed except for stir sticks. I want us to help the earth while keeping convenience.
- Reduced harm to the environment
- Here are some articles showing the cities that have made positive steps towards eliminating plastic bags <http://www.ncsl.org/research/environment-and-natural-resources/plastic-bag-legislation.aspx>
<http://www.greenpeace.org.au/blog/6-amazing-plastic-bans->
- When money is involved, businesses often do not do the right thing without incentive.
- We have poluted our planet enough. The City of Calgary should educate its population on the ways we can save our planet
- Having just arrived back from Vietnam, where waste disposal is hit and miss, the single biggest waste seen is plastic - the Vietnamese are very good at cardboard, plant matter, wood etc., but not plastic. Neither are we, so let's change.
- Otherwise it ends up as landfill and when it's in that situation, it takes forever to break down.



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- Because I want to implement strategies in my own life that benefit the environment but without the help of bylaws and city strategies, I can't fully commit. Ex. I can use fabric bags for groceries but meat still comes in plastic wrap and styrofoam!
- Stupid to keep using single use plastics.
- Everything makes a big difference
- It is important to take action against waste!
- Definitely, other cities have been doing this for years successfully and it's about time Calgary steps up and does it's part!
- Because reusable or multi use items are better for the environment
- Reduce packaging reduces waste. Promote compostable materials.
- Single use plastic is easy to eliminate with proper planning. It has detrimental effects on the environment
- We have to do better when it comes to our impact on the environment.
- Save the environment!
- It's an unnecessary harm to the environment.
- Single use plastics while very handy are not needed and contributing to waste problems and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Be a leader in the world on this issue. Rwanda banned bags...we can too. Need to get rid of our red neck, oil obsessed image. Planet needs us to show other cities it is doable
- The City already has a great system in place but it could always be better. Since there is confusion over some single use items going in the blue bin, prevent it from even being a question by eliminating their use in the first place.
- Each of us is responsible for protecting and preserving our environment and this would be a great first step in making Calgary even a better place to live in!
- Save our planet!
- I believe that single use items cause damage to the environment in countless ways.
- Those items are the most contaminants so we must help our planet. Almost all of those items can be replaced for compostable or recyclable materials
- Because it accounts for so much additional waste it's crazy
- Because plastic should be banned
- Because it's plastic and no matter the size, it adds up!
- It is important that all levels of government help lead the change the zero waste. Make businesses and manufactures have to comply.
- Many of these items are completely unnecessary. People may be upset about it for awhile but will forget quickly!
- For ecological reasons mainly; we should take care of the world we live in
- No need for it



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- single use plastic bags are a significant disposal problem unless they are biodegradable. Plastic straws are not the problem the 'environmentalists' make them out to be and paper based straws do not perform.
- Relatively easy to replace with non-plastic items.
- With these not being part of the recycle program, there is still a significant amount of items being put into our black bins on a weekly basis. By having them as a recyclable, it will reduce the waste that much more
- Would like to see these removed from our environment - both at the local and wider level, particularly plastic items. They can be replaced ie spaghetti vs stir sticks or are not necessary - straws for drinking
- We generate too much waste as a society and are wasting valuable resources in the production of single use items
- Make people more
- Single use plastic is polluting our planet!
- For fulcher
- Because it is every person's responsibility and given the right tools can make sure that responsibility gets done.
- With lots of City Calgary sites, there would be a big impact if single use items were eliminated. There are plastic alternatives. Instead of plastic stir sticks, wooden-biodegradable ones could be used.
- For the sustainability for the environment, I strongly think we should reduce non-reusable items.
- Because we have to! They are destroying our planet
- these single use items can all be replaced with permanent items
- To encourage Calgarians
- A solution has to start somewhere. Single use plastics are unnecessary other than pure convenience and cost management with no regard to the rapid amount of waste it produces. It's damaging to our environment and takes up too much space in the landfills.
- This is the future.
- I often see garbage when I walk in parks, green areas, path along the river and the streets, and most of it is the single use plastic, takeout boxes, coffee cups and lids, etc. We all need to think of changes we might do to reduce it.
- It helps people realize the significance of it if people believe the city is taking the lead.
- people are not doing it on their own. retail stores default is: giving bags, giving packaging, straws. I go to Tim Hortons, I don't need a donut in a bag. I take it out, eat it, waste bag. At minimum, you should have to ask for a bag, not to not have it.
- Plastic waste is not necessary anymore. It's a way of the past.
- Yes, it would be great for more restaurants to use paper straws and no styrofoam, easy paper and bamboo solutions exist and are reasonable in price.



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- We all have to do our own part, but a major responsibility lies on the city. I am plastic minimal and I moved to Calgary from a small town, to take advantage of many city benefits, particularly composting! Let's keep on track :)
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- Single use plastic items represent an unnecessary cost to businesses in their budget for some things such as plastic single use bags for groceries, as well as a harmful cost to the environment
- There is too much garbage, whether recyclable or not, that has to be processed in some manner, which is expensive, takes up too much land space and when shipped overseas for processing, cannot guarantee proper disposal or recycle practices.
- I really don't see an option considering our global climate crisis. If larger entities like the City of Calgary lead the way, the responsibility to reduce the carbon payload doesn't have to be solely on the shoulders of the individual.
- It makes sense
- To help the environment
- Consumers use it because there aren't many other options. Laws and regulations tackle the issue and force larger corporations to problem solve, and become better at providing new, less damaging packaging
- Most are plastic. Plastic is not at all good for our environment.
- I believe we should replace single use plastic items with compostable items
- Anything we can do to reduce waste and pollution should be done. It is the right thing to do.
- Why? There are plenty of reasons why and all you have to do is google it. Do you like clean air? Do you care about life? Human, animal, plants? Do you like knowing our future generations may not have these things? You tell me why this is only happening no
- Because we should take care of environment of our city and country.
- Better for our environment.
- Because it can abs we are one of the cleanest cities in the world so we need to lead by example.
- To reduce the amount of garbage and have citizens understand that majority of items can be reused over and over
- Reduced cost from time of purchase through handling and disposal, energy. Reduce environmental footprint
- We have become irresponsible in our consumption of useless, harmful material.
- Less garbage on the streets and roads
- We have way to much garbage as a city already.
- We are a global city that has the chance to lead in a sustainable manner and should absolutely take that opportunity to show leadership in environmental sustainability
- We are actually way behind in this area. Our actions to bansingle use plastic needs to be immediate.
- There is literally nothing more important than the environment, and we have to take action NOW



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- It's unnecessary to use single use plastic. Better planning by every individual is possible.
- Good start to keeping plastic items out of the landfills
- People will not eliminate on their own- it has to be banned. The planet needs this
- I think all of these things people can either live without or learn to pack their own reusable straws, etc. At the very least since we have a composting system, retailers should be required to use compostable versions.
- Reduce contamination , protect the environment
- For the planet and the unborn and to Calgary, an oil town, on the map as environmentally aware, sensitive and proactive!
- Responsible global citizenship.
- Single use plastics are detrimental to the health of both built and natural environments and since we have 12 years (!!!) to mitigate climate change we need actions like this NOW .
- There should be incentives to companies who provide incentives to customers who bring re-useable containers or companies that provide re-usable containers. Re-usable bags should be a no-brainer - eliminate plastic bags!
- Most disposable items are used purely for convenience... they are not a necessity
- I like this planet and would like to be able to continue living on it.
- Because single use wastes energy, and creates pollution. We can do better.
- Plastics are destroying wildlife and wild places. We are too lazy as a society - no need for single use items at all.
- Waste disposal costs, waste cleanup costs, and protecting the environment. There are compostable alternatives companies and organizations could use instead. Reduces waste in our landfills.
- Current practices show that not enough businesses or individuals will do this on there own. Therefore, the city should create strategies to compensate.
- Because they are not required!
- It is our recycling programs that are affected. Where does all this plastic go?
- I lived in Somerville, Massachusetts where they recently implemented this rule. I noticed a huge shift in the way restaurants used materials and the way people thought of "to go" cups and food containers. It will make a great impact on in the environment.
- The world is drowning in garbage and using more resources than is sustainable
- The research shows that plastic is #1 destroyer of the environment.
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- There is way too much waste going to our landfill when there are easy solutions to reduce it.
- Single use products are unnecessary especially given the massive plastics pollution issues and overuse of natural resources both locally and worldwide
- I would like to see something more thoughtful than a plastic straw ban. Let's see a phase out or disincentive for styrofoam use.



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- To reduce contamination of local waterways and land. To force manufacturers to choose more responsible packaging
- These items are just taking up space in landfills or polluting the environment
- Cause turtles are cute
- we are drowning in trash. there is little market for used plastic. so just eliminate it.
- too much garbage. recycling isn't the answer. we need to reduce NOW
- To an extent. Anythin
- The ecological load is huge. It is a simple mindset shift to reusable items.
- Because they are incredibly wasteful, and even if they are recyclable, most people don't know how to recycle them properly
- I believe in using alternative materials where possible to reduce garbage. There still is a need for single use items but we could use more compostable materials.
- With so many earth friendly options, why are we just doing this now? Stop the one use plastic!
- Single-use items are completely unnecessary and there are many available sustainable alternatives. This will help reduce the amount of waste needing to be disposed. Also, municipal governments have more flexibility to create strategies/plans like this.
- As with most necessary changes, Calgary and Sneed a push in the right direction from their government. Please have the willpower to stand up for what is right in this issue
- Changes to both consumer and business behaviour is important to solve our most pressing social and environmental challenges
- Create awareness of impact and start affecting behavior changes
- To reduce waste
- Yes, the City needs be a leader in garbage reduction, but we as Calgarians also need to our part to change our mindsets and adapt to any measures necessary to sustain our environment and improve the quality of our City.
- Single-use items are wasteful and most of the time don't need to be used
- Too much waste and garbage. Reduce and reuse before recycle
- So much of what we use is not needed. Straws? Single use plastic bags? Plastic wrapped produce? All just need a change in habits and thinking.
- Single use items are terrible for the environment, not sustainable behavior
- There is too much waste, and the city has the power to make a big difference and hopefully inspire other cities to do the same.
- To reduce the stress on the landfills and keep our city clean.
- The City of Calgary should take action to reduce garbage from single-use items to protect the environment and keep the city healthy for years to come.
- Why would we not want to help the environment



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- Plastic waste is a huge environmental concern and unnecessary. Also making these items, transporting them, and then dealing with them at end of life uses a lot of energy and therefore contributes to GHG emissions.
- If the city of calgary has any power to do good for the environment, why not?
- Because it's time for businesses and individuals to work together to reduce the amount of garbage we create. If businesses continue to provide individuals with single use containers, the average person will continue to: forget their mug, or their bag.
- Working downtown and seeingn the piles of takeout containers on top of the garbages is really wild and bums me out.
- These items are having a significant negative impact on our environment, especially oceans.
- Too much unnecessary waste. There are better options available
- We should set an example in Canada on decreasing waste
- We should save the world, so less garbage we make is better. People won't do it without city managing it...
- People won't take responsibility themselves so it would be good for the city to legislate to reduce waste
- because businesses are not going to do this on there own. government needs to step in.
- There are so many reusable/compostable options out there now, that we don't need single use stuff any more
- Individually change will be slow. If we are forced to change collectively a difference can be made much quicker.
- When the city gets involved more people see that reducing is possible.
- Reduction of waste is more beneficial to the environment than recycling
- We need to reduce our dependency on single use items. We rely on our city to be leaders on important issues such as this.
- Small steps that start now will have a huge impact on our future and our childrens' future. Change is never easy but there are comparable options out there that are actually compostable!
- The main reasons are:
- Consumers who may not of their own initiative look to reduce waste will comply willingly with new regulation.
- Because there are many affordable and environment friendly alternatives.
- Because it's not necessary and is polluting the city. However plastic straws are important for disabled people and should be available upon request.
- There are other alternatives to single use items. We need to move away from an "all about me" attitude and recognize that other people/animals/natural environment are important and need to be protected.
- too much waste



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- I've personally reduced my consumption of products with single use packaging drastically, but I don't think most people will until government encourages/mandates it. We absolutely have to consume less; most people are aware but actions aren't changing.
- The ones being used don't break down very easily/quickly
- It's absolutely necessary, I think we are late to the conversation so should take quick action in making great changes. Our Earth absolutely depends on it.
- To encourage reduction in plastic waste and get people thinking about what to buy on these terms.
- Change has to start from above.
- Sustainability is required for continued prosperity; the era of excess is coming to a close as resource and environmental stresses begin to rear their ugly heads.
- Most people have hundreds of bags sitting around and usually end up just throwing them away. Also take out containers fill trash bins or litter streets when they could be recycled much easier.
- These contribute vast amounts to landfill on a finite planet.
- Reducing waste is key to preserve environment. And even a little change per person can have a huge positive impact
- Single use waste is a huge part of what people throw out. Limiting these in some way would be a huge step.
- Many single use items can be replaced with multi use items and planning ahead
- We all need to be accountable in any way we can for our effects on the environment. Single use plastics are polluting too many ecosystems on this planet presently and we need to stop feeding the problem.
- Reduce waste, reduce landfill costs
- Because it's destroying our planet
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- If anything they should be more communicative toners on what is actually recyclable. It's too vague and I'm sure our bins are full of contamination.
- because as a society we produce too much waste/garbage
- I think the City has the amazing potential to affect the habits of its citizens. Just as implementing recycling and compost programs encourages people to divert waste from landfills, so can actions that target single-use items.
- There is garbage, pollution, litter everywhere I look. I cannot clean it up by myself. I need my city to help me take action and create change.
- It would be less garbage
- If we don't take action now, we won't be around to take action tomorrow
- Take action that the single use items are made from materials that are either compostable or recyclable BAN STYROFOAM and other materials that are not recyclable. Don't expect to get rid of take out containers, there needs to be a viable alternative 1st



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- We don't factor the cost of disposing into the cost of purchase, leaving a future legacy that will cost \$\$ to resolve.
- Because we need a law to help and encourage business and people to change their bad habits.
- If action was taken then people would find other means for these single-use items i.e. bringing their own shopping bags, etc.
- To reduce waste!
- Compost friendly items are less harmful to the environment.
- Yes, because single use plastic items that are not recyclable will end up in landfill and stay in that landfill effectively forever.
- We could be using compostable items instead of single use plastic items. For example, paper lids instead of plastic lids, or wooden stir sticks, or paper take-out containers. Ban Styrofoam! Get rid of plastic! It's poisoning our rivers, our oceans.
- The straw problem is enough of a reason.
- Because it is a waste of materials, energy, and resources.
- It is my belief that all government levels should be leaders in transitioning to green energy and reducing waste in an effort to decrease the rate of climate change as soon as possible. Styrofoam should be added to your lists please.
- They need to take the lead
- Because it's crazy how much is wasted when it doesn't have to be. As a society, we have become so lazy and complacent.
- There is really no need for single use products. The accessibility of reusable items is prevalent and cost-effective. People just need to get into the habit and it will become a non-issue.
- because it would be easy to do. Make it mandatory
- There is so much waste that can easily be diverted from the dump. It's just too easy for people to throw it out. Take that choice away, and offer better alternatives.
- There is really no need for single use products. The accessibility of reusable items is prevalent and cost-effective. People just need to get into the habit and it will become a non-issue.
- Reduce pollution and over consumption of our resources. Keep the oceans clean and maintain more forests for wildlife.
- The only way that single use items will be reduced in the landfill is if action is taken to reduce the selling of them
- unnecessary
- Leadership has been shown in recycling process for plastic bags. Is it not possible to have a similar "in a clear bag" for other plastics ie soda bottle lids, straws, bread tags . . . ?
- the cavalier way we use single use items is a problem. individuals and businesses need to make more of an effort, and will incentives and deterrents we can all reduce waste.
- We need to work together as a city to help reduce waste in the world and try to prevent global warming. If our city starts reducing single use items then we might inspire their cities to do the same.



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- I think that the reduction of waste in the city of Calgary is very important. By doing so we can become more aware of the planet, and how we are treating it.
- Reduce our waste in landfills.
- The elimination of single-use items is an important step in the right direction towards mitigating environmental degradation.
- sometimes people simply need a Nudge
- Because we all need to contribute to saving the environment
- Citizens need help avoiding single-use items and corporations need incentives/regulations for encouragement
- We use too much junk... and only once. Many need an incentive to reduce and reuse.
- I think it is important to do what we can for the environment
- Because it's good for the environment.
- Consumers are too tempted by the convenience of the wasteful practice of single use products. Regulation is in order to curb wasteful behaviour.
- Less money to be spent on landfills
- Let's prove Calgary is the world-class city it is, in the environmental arena as well. Look forward to finding environmentally-friendly options that don't include a one-way trip to the dump.
- Save the environment. People won't take action if the city doesn't care.
- Since the City of Calgary runs the Recycling Program, the single-use items should be considered under this program too. It would be recycling too.
- Some things are just as good or better in a different form ie paper straws vs plastic straws, wood stir sticks vs plastic stir sticks. I happen to reuse plastic bags, sometimes a couple times per bag so don't want them eliminated.
- Even small changes are changes.
- For environmental reasons
- They are wasteful, harmful to the environment, and we have better alternatives for them all. The market isn't demanding that this change be made because it may cost money, so our government needs to lead this.
- Businesses should be responsible for the products they provide to consumers that leave them with no choice but to use more plastic than they would like
- Its about the environment. Anythibg at all that we can do collectively to help the environment is vitally important. Most people do not know what they can do. Collectively this would be a great starting point.
- But it should do so with a full understanding of the environmental impact of options. And it has to consider the economics including the city's costs
- It's heartbreaking to see all these single use items- - especially plastic wrap that goes into the garbage and i can't put in the recycling
- Good to reduce waste



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- It is an important issue today. We need less waste and less hurtful items for animals to get into.
- Plastic is killing the planet.
- These items should need to be biodegradable
- The environmental impact of plastic is astronomically bad
- That which doesn't end up in landfills ends up as litter on streets and in the river
- It's important, duh.
- Sustainability
- To nudge Calgarians to follow suit; that a reduction of single use garbage is a serious enough issue to invest in systemic change at the government level.
- Several takeout restaurants in town use all certified compostable containers. I would support incentives for all businesses to do something similar or some kind of cost for not doing so.
- Every piece of plastic made is still on the earth, somewhere, to the point it has been found in people's guts. We need to stop using plastic, starting with single use. use . .
- It is necessary for the health of the planet
- Much of these items are often neglected and left to blow away in the wind, often winding up caught in fences and ponds. Overall reducing the amount of single use items will lead to a city that leaves less trash and that looks much more clean.
- All single use items are available in a completely biodegradeable form.
- I think that changes implemented from a city-level will have a great impact on the use of single-use plastics. If left to the individual or to have voluntary compliance we would not see the same level of impact.
- The level of impact would be greater coming from a city-level program. If we rely on individual or volunteer compliance we will not see as big of an impact for reducing single-use plastics.
- Because we can find better ways to serve our food that doesn't require so much waste.
- I think everything that can reasonably be done to reduce waste should be done.
- We can easily use re-usable items
- Because I have to reduce the damage/ pollution at the environment
- Because that is what society has become now. There is too much of it going into our everyday garbages.
- Because we need to. It's terrible how wasteful we are. Could we lobby these companies to use plant based single use items? Compostable ones?
- Sporadic individual action takes too long. The City should lead and coordinate resources and processes, with consultation of course.
- Because it's horrible and without being forced to, most humans won't take it upon themselves to reduce their use of these products.
- Unnecessary pollution.
- We have too much going to landfill.



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- Municipality has the most control over waste management within Calgary. Action can include regulation, citizen education, influence with ICI sector
- It all adds up.
- Because these items contribute to a large amount of waste.
- There's a lot of unnecessary items
- Plastic bags should be replaced with paper. They can be used more than once and are, otherwise, easily recyclable.
- It is time
- way too much plastic in the landfill
- Just read the latest report from the UN re: climate change. Our resources are finite, our atmosphere already has too much carbon- we need to use fossil fuels more wisely than on disposable products.
- Being able to make single use items compostable or reusable will do our environment really good
- There are far too many that are not recyclable or compostable. Legislation should be created banning any item that cannot be recycled or composted. It should be illegal to create items that have nowhere to go but the landfill.
- With demand for fast convenience foods increase, it is important to have sustainable options in which consumers can still achieve convenience with environmental responsibility. Canada needs to lead the way to making corporations on the hook for their products
- To save our planet duh
- Earth is drowning in plastic.
- It would be great to see a reduction in waste.
- because it's ridiculous the amount of waste there is.
- Every small amount counts in waste reduction. People should be made conscious of this.
- Too difficult for individuals to do enough to make a difference.
- Yes it is not that hard to stop making some of these single use products and it is a big step towards a more sustainable Calgary
- To reduce unnecessary waste.
- Single-use items are not a "must have" and particularly in the case of those that are non-recyclable (styrofoam and certain drink cups) can be replaced by compostable or recyclable alternatives.
- Too much waste is being created by items that can't be recycled in Calgary
- While many of us do this on our own unfortunately others will need the government to step in in order for them to change their habits.
- It can be hard for individuals to make these changes
- Single use plastic is one of the top causes of environmental damage. Nowadays there are options to reduce single plastic use, like stainless steel straws.
- There is simply too much waste produced from the use of these items.



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- Although more expensive, it's better for us and the environment long term. The city should be frontrunner in that rather than letting profit first companies decide what to do
- Large population = lots of waste
- Not only good for Calgary; good for the planet.
- Because there are many environmentally friendly options nowadays that can be recycled and even composted. No need anymore for single use items that are not biodegradable
- Na
- They're not sustainable.
- Plastic cutlery, straws, styrofoam food all need to go! don't
- Destroying environment, animals, and filling landfills. People throw plastics out of cars and litter.
- we should use our landfill more efficiently
- Repetitive use of single use plastics are a danger to our ecosystem
- Most of these items are convenience not necessity
- Decrease landfill usage
- Far too much garbage that cannot be recycled
- Who else will do it?
- There is no need for these items; business and people need the extra push to make the change. Watched my neighbour carry in 12 single use grocery bags today and I'm frustrated that one of our favorite restaurants uses foam still. Both could do better
- Because the planet matters
- It produces too much garbage, most of it can't be recycled, and people are pigs (excuse my language): the litter on the ground everywhere is ridiculous. (we see a lot of it up our driveway on a strong wind!).
- It would be nice if people/restaurants/stores could. Reduce single use plastics on their own, but this won't happen.
- enforce businesses to use compostable utensils, soup containers and other take-out containers that are clearly labelled and provide recycling or compost bins in the business.
- To reduce waste from landfills and help keep plastic out of oceans, parks, streets, etc.
- Every reduction of waste is beneficial. It increases the Sustainability of the City.
- Yes, because there are alternatives to many single use plastics. This will also help the environment and reduce waste from landfills. Single use plastics should be replaced with biodegradable, recyclable, and compostable materials.
- suggestion would be to create compostable options. While attending UVIC, I saw that they had cutlery made from plant starch and they were able to be composted. That would mean having compost bins more readily available in public spaces.
- Plastic is killing the planet
- Not necessary
- Only collective action will have an impact: much can be done at the city level



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- We are destroying our environment, and we need to act.
- Calgary needs to lead on environmental issues to offset it's oil industry reputation
- too much pollution
- Because until companies at large start to make changes we need to deal with what is currently out there.
- Because without the municipality setting the expectation we are relying on the conscious choices of individual businesses we all have a role to play at various levels and the city's role is equally important as each citizen.
- It's important for the environment.
- These items often can't be recycled and I would think they make up a large amount of landfill waste.
- It doesn't take a lot to encourage people to come up with alternatives
- We need to reduce our waste and single use items are some of the worst contributors.
- (for yes vote) reusable and recyclable products are very important - i would prefer to use something that would go into compost . Enviornment is the ut most important !! My other thought is to compost- have something that is compostable I compost
- Save on costs
- Too much going into the landfills. So wasteful.
- The only way it can get done is if the city initiates the change as I doubt individual retailers will get on bored with bio degradable single use items
- These items contribute to the waste problem.
- A big city has a huge impact and its a shame it hasnt been done already
- By 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than marine life
- It impacts all of us. I live inner city and see an unbelievable amount of waste in my area
- Single use waste is unnecessary and just so harmful to our environment. I would strongly like to see a plan implemented!
- I worry about climate change, and support any action to reduce water
- the negative affects on the environment upset me.
- Less pollution on the streets and in our forests and waterways.
- I think it is the responsibility of both the city & the citizens, but the city may have more clout than I do as a single citizen.
- need to cut back on the litter
- We can't keep going at this rate and not suffer very serious consequences
- As a large, progressive Canadian city, it's our responsibility to do what we can to ensure we take care of our city, as well as our country and planet. Any changes that can be made to eliminate single use plastics, should be made.
- Need to help the planet
- Too much of this stuff is ending up in the landfills.

- Because every day it builds up and people won't do anything on their own. They need a push in the right direction.
- It's a huge problem. I throw out so much stuff because it's not supported in current program
- wasteful, too much to dispose of/landfill use. better to move towards recyclable or better yet compostable.
- What action is the city considering ?
- There are many alternatives to single use plastics. We need to reduce the amount of plastic we use, single use or not.
- The whole planet needs to reduce these items.
- The key thing here is single-use. These items are easy and convenient to use. Because of this, many people like to use them and will obviously dispose of them afterwards. Many of these types of items now have compostable alternatives.
- save the planet!
- there is always an alternative
- There is absolutely no need for single use anymore.
- We can reduce the amount of plastic manufactured for single use, as well as reduce the amount of single use plastic going into the landfill and loose in the environment. It can also help increase the value of recyclables due to reduced contamination.
- It is super wasteful, harmful to the environment and can easily be replaced by reusable products
- We need to get ahead on protecting the environment
- There are options for recyclable items instead of single use. Some people will not voluntarily reduce their use of single use items unless it is enforced.
- For our children's future
- You can only recycle so much. There is too much waste from stuff that is used for one second to one hour and sits in our landfills.
- It's not as difficult as people fear
- Single use plastics provide no benefit that can't be duplicated with a recyclable product.
- Yes compostable things should be used.
- It will help the environment and cut down on garbage going to the landfill
- Plastic doesn't decompose and their use should be discontinued as soon as possible
- Too much waste in the landfill, uses too much energy to produce
- To reduce plastics and protect the environment.
- By creating a requirement starts the positive change that is needed.
- To save animals if they go we go and it starts from one person but ends with community
- Single use plastic is killing our environment
- Plastic bags can be replaced with cloth bags i was taught to drink out of a glass and not a straw and there is the thermo coffee cup that can be used when I travel that's all I use coffee shops should offer cups of to fill your travel mug



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- There are a lot of wasted resources from these products that often automatically come with a delivered take out meal. As well the resources used to create these items could be better utilized elsewhere
- The pollution from single-use items is going to become a more detrimental problem in the future, meaning that it will have more of an effect if action is taken now.
- To reduce costs in landfills from plastics and reduce plastics in rivers, lakes etc.
- It is not good for our environment, animals and the cleanliness of our City.
- It's important that we reduce plastics going into landfills.
- Other options are available
- We need to develop / use materials that can be recycled.
- We need to offset the ignorance of the ucp and their lack of regard for the environment and think about making life better for future generations of Albertans.
- They are not necessary for living comfortably. Throwing away isn't throwing away because there is no "away" for plastic that last forever
- They are major polluters of our planet, they are produced using nonrenewable resources, and legislation is a positive way to influence people's behaviour.
- Takeout containers and utensils an
- Almost all single-use items are only used for convenience.
- We have a responsibility to this planet to take care of it. Those single use items are incredibly harmful to wildlife.
- People adapt. People sometimes need a push and I am fine with that.
- Creates too much waste for something used very briefly.
- We are destroying the planet and need to take responsibility and stop making a mess and start cleaning up what we have done.
- To cut down on waste
- We are all responsible for the use and disposal of these items but there is no alternative available. All of these items are relatively recent entrants to our lives. We did without them before and can again. Disposable recyclable alternatives exist.
- Reduce waste, encourage people to be more environmentally responsible.
- It needs to be done as many of the targeted items are currently not allowed in recycling bins
- I don't have a problem with this, but I have little faith in the city implementing anything logical. You need to stop assuming anybody within city ranks is capable of approaching a problem with an unemotional solution.
- Because we cannot rely on enough members of the public to act responsibly
- To prevent further plastic pollution city should take action to stop it
- It is too much waste having single use plastic items that the city does not accept for recycling
- Plastic is choking out every living thing. There is no habitat that has not been negatively affected by plastic



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- We can do without many of these single use items. Many People are too lazy to recycle properly and some of these are not recyclable.
- Single use plastics are wasteful and while necessary in some grocery packaging can be reduced with compostable options in many situations.
- To protect the environment, decrease litter
- Protect our oceans
- I often have to tell a cashier that I do not need a plastic bag for the one or two items I have purchased
- So many of the single use items aren't necessary as there are alternatives
- Single use are usually too small to be recycled and typically end up as litter or landfill. Removing them reduces long term costs.
- Plastics get thrown away after one use and sit in the landfills. If more of these products were replaced with paper products, they could be recycled and repurposed instead.
- there is no legitimate reason to have these items - there are alternatives that will break down in the environment- if necessary people can start carrying stainless straws etc for personal use
- I
- We need to do all we can to help the environment.
- use disposable straws then to have to go to the medical stores and pay premium because thats the only place we can get them. I think doing away with some of these items were jepordize a lot of people.
- we are ruining the planet I don't feel Calgary and Canada in general is doing anywhere enough single use plastic is a small fix but can do so much to help
- Who else?
- We are smothering the planet with single use waste!!!
- Help raise awareness and decrease amount of waste with recycling programs or business incentives
- We need to reduce the amount of disposable plastic & be environmentally responsible.
- We have too much plastic waste.
- save the land fills
- There are so many alternatives to single use plastics. If we can make people care, bringing a mug or re-usable straw can become a habit for more people.
- plastic waste is a problem worldwide. and we should act to cut ours
- This world is way too polluted, it's the sensible thing to do
- Reduce waste.
- Single-use items make up a large percentage of what is tossed in the garbage and recycling streams, both of which pollute our communities and natural environments.
- Help reduce plastic waste, use reusable instead
- Less waste in the landfills



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- It's quite simple for the government to make this decision and the benefits will be astronomical for the planet. There literally are zero risks or down falls for not allowing single use plastics in our society.
- Environmental impact
- We have the ability to (funding) add our sustainability and it is a natural next step. We can lead the way for Canada. There's no good reason not to.
- I was out last night for wings and to remember to tell the server not to add the straw. It should be automatic that not to put a straw in water or what ever drink I order.
- Will ultimately help the environment
- We need to reduce these items to prevent them from getting into the rivers and injuring animals.
- Single-use items that are not recycled end up in the oceans and stomachs of wildlife, compounding the andangeted species crises already occurring globally.
- It's wrong to assume the items are single use. I reuse plastic bags wherever possible. The approach is not to use any of the listed items if possible and reuse them wherever possible. I cannot live without plastic bags (where to put dog poop?)
- People need an external incentive to stop using these plastic items, and will adjust to the difference one they are gone.
- They are super wasteful and unnecessary.
- It is not sustainable to continue to utilize single use products, especially when comparable sustainable products are available at a similar cost when you consider the costs associated with disposing of the plastic waste
- N/A
- Yes we need to.reduce plastic
- Environmental issues that we can influence by being the change.
- Single use item are an environmental hazard
- The steps must be realistic and backed by scientific evidence
- If this applies to all businesses in Calgary, it could make a significant difference for the environment
- why do we need plastic straws , we are not babies. single use plastic bags have a 15 minute life span. we have to ban these items as a start .
- No reason not to. Single use items are incredibly taxing on the environment. Know better, do better.
- to reduce the land fill waste as much as possible
- It is time for us all to reduce plastic waste
- Yes, a by law would soldify compliance and cooperation.Our government must make a stand about caring for our environment.
- Too much plastic waste filling out landfills
- They are not nescessary, are wasteful and are not environmentally friendly.
- We all need to help reduce waste



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- They produce a lot more waste per person than other products exactly because they are for only one use. In other words, a lot of garbage for a couple of seconds/minutes of use.
- We should RECYCLE as much as we can. Less space in landfills. Environmentally responsible.
- Too much of this ends up as garbage in our rivers and oceans and blowing around, littering our streets and neighbourhoods.
- Reducing all garbage should be a high priority. Changing from non biodegradable garbage is a good step. Plastics are non biodegradable.
- Environmental
- It's too easy for retail to distribute paper and plastics.
- Items that cannot be re-used should be banned. Items that can should be charged for. We re-use 1 grocery bag/wk for our garbage & gladly pay the store fee for needed ones. We re-use plastic veg bags for pet waste. Both are items we would otherwise buy.
- To reduce the amount of waste we create as well as litter in our environment
- Environmental obligation.
- Not destroying the environment is good.
- The disposal problem of these items needs to be addressed. The best and really the only solution is to eliminate these disposable items.
- For the environment.
- There are compostable options and we should encourage business's to look at those options and help reduce our non-biodegradable waste.
- There is a real concern about damage to the environment.
- It's completely out of hand that so much waste like keurig cups and plastic forks from offices, like the one I have to work in, end up in a landfill-forever!
- It doesn't make sense we use something for a couple of second and it lasts for hundreds of years.
- Because it's the responsible thing to do.
- too much plastic still polluting environment
- It's unnecessary waste and we might as well lead the way with a change that is inevitable anyway.
- To encourage companies to use environmentally friendly packaging and challenge consumers to use alternatives.
- So wasteful, unnecessary and terrible for the environment.
- Help spur change
- Less litter creates a cleaner city and a more welcoming environment.
- Because why wouldn't we? Reusing instead of constantly producing and getting rid of disposable items will save space, money and energy. What's the downside?
- We need to reduce the amount of landfill waste. There are many alternatives that CAN be used so there is not reason that they cannot be used.
- To save the environment. Because it is the right thing to do. To set an example for outlying communities



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- I think it would be a great start to have restaurants ASK instead of automatically giving patrons straws.
- The city should do its best in efforts to protect the environment.
- People won't stop using them without a push
- Single-use items use a huge amount of energy and resources, for a very limited lifespan. Reducing our dependence on single-use items or changing what materials we allow single-use items to be made from could have a positive impact on eco-sustainability.
- we all need to work together to eliminate waste wherever possible and having options in the city would be helpful
- Unfortunately I think the city needs to step in and make the food companies get on board to reduce the garbage. It is nice to see a few are taking initiative
- I think that in this time items should be recyclable or compostable
- Because we don't actually need majority of them.
- People, aware or unaware of the global plastic epidemic, are more likely to engage in positive change if alternative options are more accessible. Calgary can reset social standards by providing more systematic changes. ExCompostables and zero waste store
- Single use items produce a lot of garbage.
- It will change social norms and better the planet in a collective way. There are compostable options to all these single use items
- There are so many more options for compostable packaging and reusable options, it is time to start considering how to be more intentional and increase awareness of alternatives.
- I would like to see less stuff going to the landfill. So much of it is just laziness, poor planning, and downright unnecessary crap.
- sustainability is one of the most important issues in our world today and governments are uniquely qualified to address this issue effectively.
- We are polluting our environment.
- It won't happen on its own :)
- I don't think we understand the impact plastic has on our environment and it needs to be recognized
- We, as a society, need to reduce the amount of "stuff" we consume every day. A great deal of the single use plastic is simply unnecessary.
- To reduce the amount of waste
- Reduce excess plastic garbage, Don't believe plastic straws are terrible. Cigarette butts are a greater pollutant but they contribute tax dollars straws don't. Maybe bigger fines for littering.
- The majority of my black bin garbage comes from single-use plastics - mainly plastic bags/packageaging for food.
- There's too much waste
- Why not! However, paper straws used to break so I am in favour of plastic straws
- Saving our oceans. Reducing our impact on our environment. Reducing unnecessary waste.



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- To reduce waste in our waters and landfills
- The less we need to ship overseas the better. It's a travesty that we don't reprocess it in province.
- Because it is possible to reduce the amount of waste in our landfill
- Because it's the smart thing to do in waste reduction - there are so many reusable options now
- For the good of the environment!
- Mostly of the time these items aren't needed. There are solutions already out there and people are just cheap and lazy
- Most single use items are unnecessary. We're destroying our planet!!
- Single use items become the majority of our trash and I would love to see a way to reduce these items. It seems difficult to avoid using these items in everyday life
- We need to reduce waste
- Need to look after the environment
- The number of take-out coffee cups (and lids) that are consumed alone.
- They're typically not recyclable, sit in the landfills, and have long term environmental impacts that far exceed and outweigh the products useful life
- Why not reduce waste
- Cause
- We all must reduce the loss of resources and planet degradation from our disposable attitudes
- We all need to be making changes and this will get the ball rolling. Places are still giving out styrofoam, even mandating recyclable or compostable items would make a difference.
- Reduction of Single use plastic is one of the easiest and most visible ways we can help our environment. I'm a scuba diver, and the amount of plastic and microplastic in our waterways is appalling, and now the plastic is getting into our food system.
- Seems like people can adjust to getting rid of some common single use plastic items so this is a good starting point to limit how much plastic garbage we generate.
- I don't see a need for single use plastics. Other materials can be used and should be. There is too much to be recycled and that's if we're lucky enough to see those items in recycling and not garbage. Our poor earth and oceans cannot keep up!
- To create less garbage
- Easy, smart way to reduce waste and help protect the environment
- Reduce waste for landfill
- We need to do our part to reduce our plastic use. Our environment is suffering, and we need to take action to ensure a bright future for generations to come
- Help reduce waste
- Most of it is plastic that can never be recycled and it should be kept out of the landfill!
- think 7 generations
- Single use plastics are lazy, unnecessary and dangerous. People will only stop using them when they are taken off the market



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- Incremental changes sometimes need to be pushed onto people in order to change behaviors.
- Someone needs to do it. Might as well be the city.
- We need to take action to protect our environment, oceans and wildlife. However, not by creating more opportunities to tax Calgary's citizens. Reduction can be accomplished with good leadership and education, not at the expense of people's pocketbooks
- so that we can reduce the single use refuse in the landfill.
- Reduce land fill waste
- It's wasteful and people would adapt to life after single use plastics easily.
- Cuz it's bad
- With the rate that our environment/planet is declining, we all need to pitch in and do even small things to help. Reducing plastic waste would be huge.
- Encourage conservation
- I recycle absolutely everything I can at home and it always pains me to throw things in the trash when I'm out in public.
- Excess plastic is a huge issue
- Our planet c
- Improve the sad state of our planet due to pollution and waste
- Yes compostable items should be brought in and plastics faded out
- It is a community effort.
- We have to do something about global warming.
- I'm old enough to remember the days before single-use plastics. We didn't need them then, and the earth would be better off if we remembered how to live without them now.
- Save our planet
- Because of the impacts that single use plastics have on our planet
- Single-use items are not a need; simply a convenience; people will change if they have to change; fast food places need to be called to action and consider environment before profit from risking environment.
- The majority are not needed in day 2 day life. They are a short term savings with a long term cost to fix the problem.
- Non-compostable waste has long-term environmental effects. From practical perspective it may be difficult to eliminate all single- use items, but I feel it is important to find more environmentally-friendly alternatives to plastics and styrofoam.
- Too much plastic is already polluting the entire world. We must do our very best to reduce plastic in our community.
- it is time we take the environment seriously. I'm 65. We didn't have this plastic when I was growing up. Beyond that, there was serious consequences for littering of any kind.
- Keep this trash out of the rivers, oceans and landfills. None are indispensable.



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- This should be first steps. There are alternative products available to replace plastic.. Plastic bags currently have a recycling method. That being said businesses need to be able to use the products they have on hand before drastic steps are taken
- We have way too much plastic garbage. Much of it cannot be recycled.
- Every item should be biodegradable
- Yyc produces too much trash! We need to reduce
- Reduce slow-decomposing plastics in our landfill.
- Reduce plastic pollution in our landfill, rivers and lakes.
- These items are wasteful, unnecessary, and incredibly harmful to the environment both in production and disposal.
- Anything to help the environment. We should use paper straws & compostable utensils & food containers & cups.
- Eco Friendly, plan for a cleaner future. There's better alternatives that can replace our existing methods such as recyclables, reusables or compostables. We must ensure that our planet is protected & will last for all the future generations!
- Be pro-active and take a leadership position and hopefully other cities will follow. There is a company called Cielo Blue Energy here in Calgary that has a zero waste stream machine, providing a product and a large shared revenue. 4033896328
- It is becoming an environmental crisis. Such a waste and could help save costs on waste collection and recycling.
- Because it reduces waste by a massive amount
- There's a lot of it
- Single use plastics take too long to breakdown leaving a lasting impact on the environment.
- If the city doesn't champion something like this, it's unlikely to occur through most people's voluntary participation or day-to-day decisions. People tend to do whatever is easiest/most convenient.
- I believe most people need help to make a change to get over the "convenience" hump
- So many of them are just unnecessary
- We know that reducing is more effective than reusing or recycling
- Help the environment and reduce waste and pollution
- Wasteful and bad for the environment
- When I was growing up, single use items were a rarity and we survived. It is all a matter of what you can become used to doing without. Not a problem. Initially people may whine and complain but the preservation of the planet is more important.
- To help the environment
- Let's reduce waste and our environmental footprint. Single use items fill up landfills and we have limited space.
- Reducing plastic waste is necessary to reduce micro-plastic pollution affecting our health, our environment, and our ff

- To protect the environment
- They are bad for our environment, add to landfill use, are unnecessary and easy to avoid using.
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- We're a huge city and the environment is crucial to all
- People decide to purchase items (that, once used, create waste). City of Calgary can develop strategies to encourage those same people (+ others) to take the next 'natural ' step and recycle as they dispose of the containers, etc.
- Reduce amount that goes into the landfill and protection of wildlife.
- Reducing garbage is very important.
- Yes, but an outright ban is counterproductive- there are some scenarios where a straw is necessary, or a bag, etc. We need to motivate businesses and consumers to reduce. A deposit on reusable cups instead of always disposable? Better recycling?
- Good for environment
- The fact that plastic and styrofoam is going to landfills is unacceptable.
- We are not entitled to keep consumerism the way it is. If it is hurtful and the pendulum has swung too far, we can fix it and will adapt.
- Reduce waste and protect the oceans
- To create a sustainable living environment for our children and future.
- Any kind of environmental assurance plan is good
- Market won't regulate. Core costs of not doing so, ie. landfill fall, is a municipal cost.
- The actions/strength/initiatives are never significant enough from the business.
- Alternatives seem to exist for many of these things, it would just take wide implementation.
- There are other environmental alternatives in most cases
- There should not be restriction but incentives. paper straw incentive for business, charge of plastic cup/no charge reusable. Any overall ban or tax would be too restrictive as it would hurt business
- I live in low rent housing and in the area I live in there are close to two hundred townhouses. I'm shocked to see how few people recycle because they are lazy . Should be charged extra rent if they will not recycle. I have said that for 7 years.
- Because it is out of control. We all need to work together to stop destroying the planet.
- Because there too much plastics being used that will still be here in 60, 70 years because it doesn't break down
- If something is not 100% recyclable or compostable, it should simply not exist!
- people need encouragement to change their habit of using single use plastics. These plastics pose a serious waste problem for the world today.
- There is an opportunity to reduce the amount of resources used to make single use items as well as the amount of waste going to the landfill.
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- City employees should set the example first. No plastic straws, coffee stirrers, plastic cups..unless specifically requested.
- Consumers can not make this change alone - they need the support of government and companies.
- People need to see action from the City itself. Set the example. Be strict enough to help people believe you mean it. Otherwise it's just 'feel good' news.
- Other cities already are doing this, allowing Calgary to learn from what worked and didn't work for them. With Calgary being so close to the mountains shouldn't we have a focus on protecting them?
- To reduce the amount of waste
- We need to reduce use of these items to get zero waste
- Huge waste that is not good for environment.
- Yes because it's a simple action with direct benefits
- Cost saving and prevent pollution
- Easy action with tangible results.
- Is this really a question? Because single use plastics are a huge problem!
- There is so much that we can do to help the environment and reducing the amount of single use items is a step towards that. There are so many reusable items available as alternatives to single use items.
- SO important for preserving the environment and for educating generations to come on sustainable practices.
- Because it is the right thing to do for our behaviour toward the environment
- We need to educate residents and be socially responsible
- creating too much garbage
- If they are there we use them. If not, it forces us to use something else such as reusable or compostable items. As a consumer, I would choose the products that are not single use or have other options.
- Everyone should do their parts at being a better citizen.
- For the environment and lifespan of landfills.
- We as a city need to stop being so wasteful
- So much extra waste that I'm not sure what to do with and am upset that it most likely ends up in the garbage.
- Real change starts at the top with policy change
- There is a climate change crisis going on that will have a big impact on the generations to come. If we don't take action now, temperatures will go even lower, in hot places it will get even hotter. More disasters are to come.
- When travelling to California we have noticed they have a \$0.10 cent charge at stores for plastic bags. This does encourage everyone to bring their own bags or reuse the ones they had from before.
- Any change to reduce waste and consumption to go towards saving our planet is a good change.



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- Too much garbage and although much can be recycled or composted, people do no. If we reduced single use items we would have less in landfills
- So much unnecessary waste
- Without regulation no one will change habits and convenience.
- Environmental health is important
- People are often reluctant to give up personal conveniences for the better good and need the nudge from Government. Complaints should not win out over reducing harm we're doing to the environment. People eventually accept change.
- It is simply unsustainable to keep going the way we are going, littering our planet.
- To save our planet
- Many of these items are gaining in popularity due to the busy and hectic lives of calgarians. The amount found in garbage will only increase.
- For our future
- Environmental stewardship
- To help the environment
- To help with the environment. I think the city should offer businesses incentives for changing to compostable single use items, not entirely remove them. This will be more palatable to folks who don't care about the environment.
- It will reduce amount of garbage in landfill
- We only have 35 years left in the landfills. What do we do then? Wall-E comes to mind...
- I think the cost of having convenience doesn't outward the benefits.
- Start using paper straws and paper cups.
- I myself have adjusted to carrying with me reusables for all these items including chopsticks. It feels like I am contributing to a solution of sorts for one of the problems facing us. We as a population HAVE to reduce the amount going to landfill.
- A comprehensive plan will drive change. Otherwise every establishment tries its own way and we're left with confusion (ie. the variety of possibly "compostable" options right now.
- We need to move away from a disposable culture using toxic substances and think long term
- Plastic particles are now showing up in human feces (latest studies done in 2018). The particles have invaded every part of our food chain and show up in every ecosystem around the world. Biodegradable alternatives are available & should be mandated.e
- I think it is important that the city restrict the use of these items so that change actually happens. These items are hugely wasteful and alternative items can be just as convenient. Replace take out containers in food courts with reusable ones.
- Our family is moving towards a low waste lifestyle. Overuse of plastic is ruining the environment.
- To much plastic going in the land fill
- A
- Everyone needs to take action



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- Yes, every little bit helps. With pressure from the city more people are likely to get involved.
- We can find better items to replace the single use plastic.
- When you consider the “lifespan” of the item, sometimes mere minutes, it makes sense to switch from throwaways.
- Because of the ecological destruction we are causing with our wastefulness
- Everything should be recycled or be biodegradable, like spudware.
- The amount of waste generated from single use items fills up landfills and often ends up as litter, giving the impression of a dirty city.
- We use too much throw away items
- We have to be aware of the current situation of the world. We all have responsibility towards our planet. Stewardship is how we can leave a sustainable earth for future generations.
- The convenience is not worth the environmental impact. Single use plastic is unnecessary and is a overwhelming out garbages and if often found as litter on streets and in parks.
- Without the effort from the City and the City setting an example, no one else will really try to reduce waste from single-use items.
- We all seem to eat out more than in years gone by - If you are having a coffee/snack in a shop, we should be asking for dishes rather than take out containers
- My answer is yes and no. Some single use plastic can be done away with BUT packaging is a whole other issue. You'd have to talk to those who make the goods. Come up with compostable alternatives. Look at A&W
- Single use plastics are a huge contributor to overall excess waste that could be diverted from the landfill if packaged into bags of like material similar to stretch wrap/plastic bag recycling currently.
- Reduce landfill usage and litter pollution
- To reduce the waste that affects the earth
- The goal of zero waste is epic (good), I think plastic bags will be easy-ish to get rid of, but will take out containers hurt businesses? I hope there's a way to help environment and not tank businesses.
- Single use plastic should not be an option for consumers. Everyone needs to do their part to refuse their plastic use but if the option to use plastic is not given they will have to make the necessary adjustments.
- Because their is a lot of waste.
- Single use items are not necessary. People using take-out will learn to bring their own utensils. It is frightening how it has affected our environment including fish and wildlife.
- Yes, we could prevent so much waste if we eliminate the small things like plastic waste.
- The length of time it takes to break down. One meal can lead to a large amount of garbage.
- People in Calgary don't care about recycling. It makes me so mad
- There are so many options for reusable items.
- Yes it's wasteful to use something once then toss it. If it can be recycled fine but one use plastics that cannot are unacceptable



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- Things these days are in small packages made for grab and go. There is simply too much packaging cluttering out landfills and city streets/greenspaces.
- The amount of needless packaging on products is shameful. Too much plastic products are strewn around by uncaring people. Reducing the single use plastics will help reduce the amount of waste that is not biodegradable.
- So much unnecessary packaging, needs to be addressed at the local business level and with cities taking action against large corporations.
- Save the ocean please
- I think that items that are waste the companies putting them out in Calgary should be taxed to encourage their packaging to change. I don't think the consumer should be responsible. The companies distributing the products should come up with innovative
- It's important for the environment
- Because a large portion of plastics sent to landfills are from single use items.
- The disposable world we live in is killing our environment.
- There are alternatives out there that people would use if single use plastic wasn't so convenient and widely available. It is laziness that keeps them in use and the damage to the planet is so great.
- Because we need to act in a responsible manner towards the land we were given and never take it for granted. It was a gift and we should be thankful and cherish it with our actions.
- We can reuse items to reduce waste.
- If we do not start now we will continue to accumulate garbage until it is a major problem to dispose of since we are solely reliant on china to take our plastic recycle. Calgary can become a leader in waste reduction.
- Single use plastics are out of control, and no one gives a second thought while using them. Corporations supplying things like plastic cutlery and keurigs are worsening the issue with no accountability
- Any reduction in garbage is important, and particularly items that are designed to immediately become waste.
- We should be ahead of the trend and follow the examples in Europe or the UK
- Many people will not do this voluntarily, but we need to reduce waste to keep our corner of the planet a nice place to live.
- Isn't it obvious? Our oceans are becoming vast bogs of plastic waste.
- There is no need for so many single use plastics, especially the plastic bags.
- We are polluting our planet! I don't want to leave any more of a mess for my children and their children. After we recycle and compost, the garbage is filled with nothing but PLASTIC!
- For all of the reasons you listed above
- To reduce waste and be less wasteful with resources.
- good thing to do



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- the plastic pollutes the soil and groundwater. It helps conserve the energy that's used to make new plastic utensils, containers and other items
- For all of the reasons already listed
- Yes to a point there was a study done about producing something other than plastic bags and it was more expensive and was worst for the environment just make sure this is not a knee jerk reaction and do the homework
- Too much waste being generated in form of food court and take out non recyclable plastic and styrofoam. Bad for environment.
- Because it is a no brainer to help reduce our waste
- To help reduce our waste since some products are non-recyclable, such as plastic straws which can be replaced with paper straws.
- It something that is actionable in a fairly easy way and people can do it with minimal effort
- This seems to be the kind of garbage most often scattered on the roads & pathways in my neighborhood. I pick it out of the gutter regularly and it is an eyesore when I walk on the pathways. There are alternatives so we should encourage their use.
- Many people think these items are recyclable. Some are. Some aren't. It's wasteful.
- It will be expensive in the long run if we don't find ways to reduce what goes into the landfill. Landfill management is expensive, and so is having to open a new one (not to mention politically unpopular).
- Reduce non biodegradable waste for the future of our planet
- I think these items are a needless source of waste.
- Plastics are so bad for the environment and take so long to break down.
- Look around especially our oceans are so polluted with junk that should never have been disposed of in water
- Single use items are one of the largest causes of unnecessary waste and could not only help the environment but also reduce the amount of waste we're dealing with as a city
- I would exclude plastic bags from the single-use category because we (and others) use these to line small garbage cans for ease of some garbage disposal -- so these plastic bags are indeed re-cycled.
- It will reduce the garbage, people will be conscious of the wastage and the obvious save the earth
- It contributes to so much waste. That being said, they need to evaluate which reusable items are worth producing, as some of them take more energy to make than they are worth
- Many of these items can be easily replaced with compostable items
- I believe it is just a mental shift to reduce our waste. We existed without these items in the past and there are viable alternatives available.
- Reduce waste, increase sustainability not just for our city but for the world
- The best way to pressure companies into changing packaging & serving habits is through legislation. Single-use plastics pose a significant issue for our environment; many are not recyclable and cause unnecessary bulk in our landfill.



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- It's about time; to become responsible citizens of earth. By taking the initiative and banning such products, necessity will become the mother of invention (again) and we shall find better, less polluting ways of living
- Our back alley has plastic bags everywhere, people have no clue how to bag them properly for recycling.
- I do agree with this action; however, an environmental item should replace the item before it is taken away (Example: Plastic bags= reusable bags, Disposable cups=reusable cup. I hate straws are phased out without an alternative item to replace that item.
- These items are hazardous to the environment and we should take steps to eliminate them if we can
- Wasteful and unrecyclable or uncomfortable items destroy our planet. I can re-use and recycle plastic bags but all other items end up in the trash.
- I think that it's important to reduce non recyclable plastic and that people and businesses are more likely to comply if there is leadership from the city of Calgary.
- The city should start a marketing/education campaign to reduce overall waste and also help people to identify environmentally friendly alternatives.
- Environmental issue
- I believe that single use items, particularly plastic (food packaging, toothbrushes etc.) contribute to a significant proportion of household waste each year.
- Single use items create unnecessary garbage. Compostable items would be best & much better on the environment.
- Single-use plastics are terrible for the environment
- Save our planet! Every little step helps.
- Little things are seemingly inconsequential to most people, but can have a huge impact when added up. Single use items can be easily replaced with eco-friendly alternatives, so the city of Calgary should put efforts towards promoting these alternatives.
- It's harmful to the ocean
- We have been in a climate crisis for some time now and should be taking whatever large-scale measures we can to mitigate the damage—enforcing regulations on corporations would be much better, but this is better than nothing.
- Most people are willing, we just need leadership and ideas of how to do it and get good participation
- People need to start being better about the environment, in general. Many people won't bother until they are forced to. More specifically to this issue, it would keep these items out of the landfill. I am also concerned about animals getting hurt..
- Reduce waste for landfills and help reduce environmental impact
- We don't have any capacity to store all the garbages
- There's been too much plastic litter
- We are an amazing, innovative city on the forefront of so many important innovations and initiatives. I am a proud Calgarian who would love for Calgary to be a leader in important environmental initiatives.



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- We should all take responsibility for the environment
- It is an important step forward in reducing waste and pollution helping to preserve the beautiful area we live and reducing long term fallout
- Less resource use to make the items, keep them out of not only landfills but waterways where they harm fish and contaminate our food system. Individual action can only take us so far. Legislation is crucial for significant change to happen
- reduce contamination of our streams and improve waste management
- To reduce garbage and waste
- Protect the environment and raise citizens' awareness of single use plastics
- There is a lot of single use plastics that the city will not or can not recycle. Since they are unrecylable I would suggest those items be eliminated.
- Single use plastics end up littering our streets and waterways and harm wildlife.
- Single use items that are not compostable or recyclable are wasteful
- When there are alternatives available there is no reason to continue to use products that damage our environment and hurt wildlife
- To reduce plastics in environment and landfill
- It only makes sense to Get rid of single use items as there would be less and less in our landfills
- need to protect the environment and reduce our footprint
- Waste pollution! I rarely use single use items, especially because they can contaminate recyclables.
- I onto libe in Calgary but I think it will Ben better for The environment
- Humans are distroying the planet. Oil produced plastics should never been allowed. Calgary should step up and try to lead for once and start trying to save what we are destroying...
- Municipal policy, in conjunction with green bin composting, would provide consistent strategy for businesses & citizens.
- I care about the environment and feel every city should take action when it comes to waste management
- Because Calgary throws out so much garbage every day and it could easily be reduced
- There is more than enough garbage already. Food manufactureres should be asked to reduce packing materials to the lowest level, people should be taught how to survive without plastics. Look at other countries and learn to eat by hand and drink from glass.
- I believe at the least there should be a reduction or ban on these common coffee shop single-use items. There are enough essential single-use items that we have (pre-hospital tools and items). We really don't need disposable single-use food items.
- We need to be part of solution to the rapidly growing plastic waste crisiz that is poluting our land and water, especially our oceans.
- They are very common and will continue to fill our landfill.
- To reduce our impact on the environment
- Too many plastic bags!



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- If we cannot re-use it, and it cannot be recycled for whatever reason (too small, black plastic, etc) then we shouldn't be making it.
- a lot of the single use products we have today can be substituted with items that get used more than once, stainless steel straws, shopping bags etc. There is no longer a need for single use items.
- NOW that I recycle and use the green cart more, the majority of items going into the garbage are plastic
- Environmentally unsustainable when there are better options that are just as economical.
- Real change has to come from the top.
- Because if we can do something more for our earth we should!!!
- We can all learn together how to produce less waste. And businesses should be giving me less waste! Or they should have to take it back and deal with it themselves and be charged for disposing it.
- Too much even otherwise. All packaged food should be with minimum packing materials.
- For the environment
- It is an important initiative we must take on in order to preserve our city and our country's environmental health. It would also reduce the amount of trash that could go to the landfill and to the ocean.
- For our planet, we are in crisis.
- These items do not biodegrade for a LONG time. They contaminate not only land but water. The amount of material going to our landfill could be greatly reduced by the elimination of these single-use items.
- Why not have a drop of location for these items to be recycled. Most are recyclable but are considered too small. If we could drop them in one place so they could still be recycled would help.
- It has many adverse environmental impacts that we need to address
- To reduce waste
- It is the responsibility of legislators to create the legislation that will encourage (force) corporations to change their practices. The issue of plastic pollution is extremely serious and action must be taken at every level of society.
- Any waste reduction should be explored in order to reduce landfill.
- We are facing a global crisis, and Calgary could be a leader in what cities need to do. I would be in support of drastic and mandatory changes,.
- It is the biggest source of non degradable waste.
- Reduce waste
- I believe that if the City of Calgary doesn't take the first steps to reduce the garbage from single use items, no one will.
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- I'll bet that most garbage these days is plastic which can't be recycled or reused and it's a HUGE problem now and in the future. Anything that will reduce it is good.
- Single use plastic and cardboard (coffee) is unnecessary. People should reuse.
- Make commercial establishments recycle their garbage. Good look outside any business and you'll see what I mean including fast food establishments like Tim Hortons and McDonalds.
- This City needs to show leadership and take action.
- Because it's 2018.
- Future
- We have a part to do and a responsibility to reduce waste and care for the environment
- Because we've got one planet and it's about damn time people started caring about it.
- Yes because it will help push the cause
- Single-use items are extremely harmful to the environment and consumers should have reusable or biodegradable items available to them instead
- Too much of this stuff is not recyclable and ending up in the dump.
- It's bad for the environment and eventually animals suffer because humans are careless with the way we are treating the earth.
- The amount of garbage we are currently producing is unsustainable and Calgary needs to be a leader in environmental conservation efforts.
- So much waste is generated from single-use items. If the city took a leadership position, more individuals and organizations would be able to make meaningful change.
- Common sense
- Single use items are nothing but wasteful and are a strain on our resources
- Someone has to
- To protect the environment
- They fill up the landfill and never break down. It is difficult for the individual consumer to impact these things.
- Because it will not decompose
- It is important to do our part to reduce the amount of waste we create that is and could have an impact on our well-being and the well-being of the animals and ecosystems around the globe
- To make our world a better place
- Because individuals are not making these decisions on their own.
- It is up to cities, businesses and corporations to help the environment on a large scale than individual people. There are plenty of alternatives to plastic that make easy switches that are compostable and recyclable. 1 person makes a small difference.
- Because although single use items are convenient there are simple and easy solutions to reduce them, if we can make a difference why wouldn't we?
- Better for the environment
- All government levels should be looking to decrease single use plastics.



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- A reduction with careful planning and implementation of better products. I'm not worried about straws in our water systems as I feel cigarette butts littered on the streets, garbage and chemicals impact our water more.
- Single use plastics are created at their inception to be garbage and are non-recyclable. We cannot deal with their waste effectively.
- The world is drowning in plastic
- Waste has environmental effects, and this material is waste: it cannot be recycled or composted.
- It seems logical for building a sustainable future
- It's ethically the right thing to do because we can. It benefits the environment, and ourselves
- I don't eat out in fast food places and I don't buy coffee or tea either, so I don't use most of the items below. Don't know how to not have disposable cups at Tim's or take-out containers at restaurants. Let's make them biodegradable instead.
- Single use items likely account for a significant portion of our landfill garbage now that we have recycling and compost.
- There is so much waste!!!! Take away toggle option for single use and people will change their behaviour
- Because single use items are wasteful and unnecessary.
- At a time when skip the dishes is becoming more and more popular, something needs to be done to reduce the waste.
- We have an obligation to help our environment
- Yes, but how? If eating out, how else would you eat your food without plastic utensils? Compostable products required at all fast food/coffee joints would be amazing! A&W already does it! Banning products will not work!
- Responsible thing to do for our environment
- Individuals can make little difference but a whole city has much more power to challenge and force change
- Just to help out the environment
- To better our planet
- Easy way to reduce our negative long term impact
- Why can commercial recycle companies take styrofoam and city can't?
- It is just lazy for a business to use these products. They should be forcing their suppliers to come up with greener products. It is the same when you go shopping and someone will wrap a carrot in a plastic bag. Why, it has come out of the ground.
- People will not change their behaviour without external influence.
- The environment needs our care and reducing/eliminating waste will be a necessary component to the solution. While many other cities are already doing this, Calgary can still be a leader in the game, and cannot be left behind.
- Wasteful and doesn't leave the Earth- not biodegradable



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- I think this is incredibly important to help reduce our environmental impact, and sadly many businesses and individuals will only comply if it is mandated, no matter how simple or low cost the changes are.
- We need to reduce our footprints
- We need to act fast.
- Because plastics stay in our landfills forever, and it is a finite amount of space
- We need to be proactive. It has already taken too much of a toll.
- law already passes in Europe to completely eliminate these items and Calgary can become the leader in setting example in Canada/ north america. most of the items are only used as a habit, people need to learn to adjust to these changes to help the planet.
- wasteful. reduce, reuse and recycle
- We have way too much garbage and it is possible for many of these items to be recycled.
- either find ways to recycle the items or ensure businesses larger events have means to reduce waste...
- It is a necessary step towards being sustainable.
- The City has a responsibility to steward environmental practices
- Why are we not rewarding manufacturers & retailers who use compostable packaging or no packaging. Wrapped items are one of the worst offenders. Costco products tend to be wrapped by item then wrapped again to sell as a group of items. Way too much plastic
- Because it's wasteful and there's a ton of solutions/alternatives for these products. We need to be more responsible with our waste in the world.
- It's important to make a difference locally. We order take out frequently and feel bad about the waste being created that gets put in the black bin.
- Because educated population should take action to protect our environment!
- The government getting more involved is a huge step in being able to combat climate change. According to scientific evidence, the time for change is NOW. The government should be enforcing this.
- Because it's the right thing to do. It's common sense. It's responsible.
- Reducing single use items would benefit the environment without needing to change any major consumer behaviours. There are compostable options that are better than what is used now.
- To reduce landfill
- They are unnecessary and we have to do better
- To help reduce waste and save environment
- People have troubles making an effort unless it's legally required or made easier for them by the government
- These items are prevalent in our society'
- It's our responsibility



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- Single use items are wasteful of materials and quickly end up in trash. Getting rid of single use items will help save on materials, energy and the environment.
- They generate a lot of waste and most of the time aren't really needed/ can be substituted by multiple-use items.
- Save the Planet
- Reduce waste, encourage reusing items
- Reduction of waste should be the cities' aim.
- Too much waste going to the landfill, waste of resources.
- It is vital for Calgary to move toward creating a sustainable system of waste management.
- I think this would be a great step towards making Calgary more environmentally friendly.
- At the bare minimum single use items should be compostable but I think that we shouldn't eliminate straws in their entirety as there are many people with special needs or reduced mobility that depend on straws to drink; metal and paper are not flexible
- People obviously need more incentive to reduce waste as they're not doing it on their own.
- I believe that plastic use by society is out of control and is seriously harming our environment.
- To get these items out of the land fills.
- Better for environment
- It is important that we make efforts to live sustainably and support environmental initiatives.
- Simply because our waste output is unsustainable
- because it's not necessary. With paper or hemp products we can compost and give back. Garbage is just, waste. And it will sit there.
- It helps the helps the environment! It sets an example for people and other cities in less waste!
- We all need to be responsible and as a citizen, it would be nice to have businesses forced to make an effort as well.
- Absolutely -- single-use plastics are unnecessary and a huge pollutant and very problematic for our oceans, lakes and water bodies.
- Because everyone should be taking action to reduce plastic waste
- 57 million straws are used in Canada every day. If just straws alone were ban from Calgary we would cut out 70 million one use plastics per month. And that is just one type of one use plastic. Imagine what we could do be reducing all one use items.
- All the reasons outlined above.
- Because having a comprehensive strategy to reduce waste levels the playing field and forces all parties to comply. This limits the temptation to non-compliance for cost-effective operation.
- I am very aware of how much waste is produced, and think that there is much room for improvement, which has been proven possible by different cities/countries around the world.
- Still too much of this stuff around
- A single use item shouldn't be around longer than I am



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- Without an incentive/ disincentive to recyclable materials versus single use plastic items there will be limited change.
- To protect the environment
- For all the reasons outlined above. There is no good reason why business cannot use 100% recycleable materials or cut down on packaging altogether.
- Environmental sustainability
- Calgary already has a solid waste disposal system for homeowners however I think if we can prevent some of the waste from being used in the first place it will be another great step forward for our city
- Calgary should take action and create a recycling method that contain labels of what items belong in which bin for recyclables for better organization, and reduction in landfill.
- It is easy - when I visited Australia they banned single use plastic bags at grocery stores. Anecdotally, after a month I saw most of my peers bringing their own bags. It is easy to make small legislative changes that make an impact
- Environmental impact is huge.
- Calgary should be a leader and an example city for other city to reduce garbage. We have the resources to help improve our environment and definitely should.
- Marine life is getting destroyed because of plastic waste.
- Yes, straws were a good starting point for a lot of hospitality places - but it's an indicator that we rely and use single use plastic in an unnecessary way. Australian supermarkets have just removed plastic bags from their stores.
- I hate to see the litter all over.
- Because there are safer alternatives available that will become less expensive over time, if used.
- We used to have amazing recycling options with the bin system. Rural towns do it. Why can't a large, developed and industrialized city do the same?
- To help the environment
- Follow Vancouvers footsteps!
- Single-use plastic is the most wasteful and polluting substance that is killing our planet
- Yes, we need to make it easier for people to use less single use items. For instance, it's quite easy to go to a grocery store and use reusable bags, but it would still be hard to order takeout and bring your own containers for use.
- It is a waste of energy and resources and extra costs on society to produce these items
- Even banning single use plastic bags would be a step in the right direction. When I see the plastic islands of garbage in the Oceans I am scared of our future. I also think convenience overpowers conscience so extra structures in place will help.
- why not limit the kinds of single use? There is a need for it, but likely not for all single use items (i.e. inside sit-down restaraunts)



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- The technology is available for all products to be fully compostable so why would it even be questionable. We need to be a leader in plastic reduction
- There are a lot of suitable available options to replace them
- Ghjsjsj
- There are sufficient alternatives and good habits available that do not really require much sacrifice while the rewards of reducing our landfills and volume of trash generally is a huge win!
- The current level of usage and subsequent landfill or recycling transfer is not sustainable. We have focused on recycling but we now need to focus on reducing wherever we can.
- Reduce environmental impact
- Because people are less likely to take initiative on their own.
- Less stuff in the landfill is a good thing
- H
- We are working very hard to limit garbage going to our landfills and by this reduction imagine how much less garbage there would be going to our landfills, oceans.
- Because save the whales and it's our bloody planet, jeez Louise. ;-)
- They're a large contributor to litter on the streets, and garbage in the landfill.
- Single use items are killing the environment
- Because of every piece of plastic can find its way to lakes, rivers and oceans and can hurt animals.
- I am worried about the future of our environment
- Leading the community to zero waste is something each civic centre should take initiative on.
- Reduce landfill and pollution
- There are so many single use items that could be made out of compostable materials rather than plastic. It's important that Calgary does its part to reduce waste.
- It is important
- It's a simple thing to do and it's necessary for a healthy future.
- We need to reduce garbage and waste to take care of the planet. The planet is our home and has provided for us. We need to give it as much love as possible.
- It is our responsibility to protect our environment from climate change. Small changes do make a difference and make people more conscious on that subject.
- There isn't enough incentive for consumers to change their habits on their own. It needs to come from top-down programs which show that Calgary cares about plastic use and waste. Calgary should join other international leaders in this.
- Because of the environmental impact.
- We need to stop the use of single waste plastics to clean our landfills and oceans. There are many other viable options we can consider instead.
- Because single use non recyclable items are filling up landfills and killing thousands of animals.
- It's important for our planet so it's important to me.
- It's unnecessary

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- We need to change habits of individual and businesses and challenge them to invest in better packaging. I am at the point where everything I buy is scrutinized for its potential environmental impact.
- I feel guilty every time I use non-recyclable item thinking it ends up in the landfill just because of our convenience and there's so much of it in our every life.
- We need to start protecting our earth of generations they are coming up. Also plastic are harming out wildlife
- I think the amount of waste from single use plastics could be drastically reduced with mindful and simple strategies. The use of these items is non essential and easily reduced
- People will not stop using these products unless forced/single use items are not available.
- It's wnvvironmentakly necessary and these products are not necessary. I am doing my best to phase out their use personally
- Single use plastics create unnecessary waste and are bad for the environment.
- Legislation and by-law for food industry based business would set the bar of expectation when handling the garbage/waste/landfill crisis from single use plastic items.
- Environmental effects of single use products is not worth the cost venirn e
- It is important that we take action to reduce the amount of waste we produce.
- There should be a way to make more of these things compostable.
- Environmental effects is not worth the convenience. Policy will be more effective than individuals making changes.
- There is no need for them since there are compostable versions available.
- Use of single use items is wasteful and should be discouraged.
- We are destroying the oceans
- Single use plastic has a huge environmental impact, and it's useage is largely convienence based, rather than necessity.
- There is too much waste from single use items that are not recyclable
- Create too much waste for too little value
- Reduce waste
- It simply has to happen sooner or later. So let's start now. Human population is not going to decrease so we need to decrease the damage each of us does to our world every day.
- Reduce landfill costs and encourage reusable products
- Cut down on plastic use and switch to compostable products. Paper straws are needed
- It would help reduce waste and potentially make a change in our environment.
- In a lot of cases it's unnecessary. Take away orders are going home where there is cutlery and cups. Most people have some sort of reusable shopping bag increase the option of using plastic to \$1 per bag - that will be enough to remind ppl to carry bags
- To reduce our overall amount of trash ending up in landfills and because there are more and more viable options to replace many single use items on the market



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- We have to take care of the environment now or it's too late
- to reduce waste and carbon
- Choking our oceans
- try to reduce plastics and garbage
- I think there are other things that would have a bigger impact but sure, let's focus on straws.
- I think it is important for stewarding the land that we have and taking care of our planet. It would also reduce the burden on our city's waste collection teams
- Because it's important that we reduce our environmental footprint to sustainable levels
- We cannot solely rely upon other recycling partners to take on the burden of solving a garbage/recycling problem by themselves
- Straws in particular are terrible for the environment.
- These things don't change unless change is made mandatory
- Consumers will learn to adapt. It takes a nudge to get people on board, and this would ultimately be to the city/earth's benefit.
- Such a waste
- There are alternatives. And we need to take action to reduce our waste.
- I think there needs to be a collaborative effort between industry (to find alternatives to these items in the first place) and to our civic, provincial and federal governments to find transitional solutions to reduce the use of these items now.
- Environmental protection and waste reduction.
- There are plenty of other options and we have a duty to clean up our act and our environment.
- Like seatbelts, behavior that is good for all needs to be enforced. The message has been out there for years so we need to go the next step.
- The proliferation of single-use items and especially plastics is systemic. To address it we can't simply place the burden on individuals because not everyone has the means to make better choices. We need government to provide better, accessible choices.
- A lot of businesses do not seem to want to do it themselves
- single use straws help people survive in hospitals, access to water, tool for people with disabilities, request a straw is best.
- Essential in the battle against global warming.
- Cuts down on costs by reducing waste, better for the environment, will cut down on litter and the cost of cleaning up litter.
- Be eco friendly
- reduce what goes to the landfill
- Single use plastics should be banned. There are other great alternatives to reduce plastic waste.
- Because we live in a wasteful society.
- Because it reduces waste for things that have alternatives.
- We know that businesses, generally, are loathe to take action.



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- single use items are often harder to recycle, but look recyclable. Preventing the sale, purchase or production of even some of them would be the only way to engineer decreasing their use and therefore the discarding of them.
- Environment!
- We need to reduce the amount of nonrecyclable /compostable waste
- Single-use items represent an unsustainable drain on natural resources, are a burden to landfills, and are often discarded by careless users creating unsightly and environmentally harmful litter.
- Packaging is becoming increasingly more elaborate and wasteful and ubiquitous. Groceries and the rise of take away and convenience meal delivery, delivery of everything is creating shocking amount of extra waste. My kids would like to have a future.
- Please ban plastic bags, especially produce bags! I see so many people placing everything including bananas in bags! So unnecessary! We need the city's help to reduce waste and help the environment!
- There are so many other ways to serve food. People can bring their own containers for take out! Steps have already been made to reduce waste by not using straws, but the strapless lids have replaced the straws. Calgary needs to take action.
- Plastic bags are so bad! Please ban them!!!
- We need to help the environment!
- We are so far behind the rest of the world on banning plastic bags!!
- The amount of single use plastic is significant, it makes our communities look dirty and can be harmful to wildlife. Businesses that have already made the switch are a welcome sight and I'm more likely to give them my business.
- I believe that we can and should always be trying to take steps to improve. There are many options for reusable and attainable o
- These items are not necessary and they have a long lasting impact
- By taking action to reduce garbage from single use items, my hope is that reusable items will become more widely available and affordable.
- On top of the obvious environmental considerations, less garbage ending up in my backyard and the back alley would be nice.
- This strategy has the potential to make a difference in changing consumer behavior and move towards waste reduction.
- Large scale reduction is needed
- To reduce the litter we see on our streets and landfill space & maintenance
- Yes, the City of Calgary should take action, because it is so important to reduce single-use waste. It's a no-brainer.
- It's the first step in reducing plastic waste and excessive packaging.
- I believe we need to do more to take care of the environment
- be a leader in waste reduction and green initiatives

- I think it needs to start somewhere. Industry needs to see that there's a need to stop creating these products and if there's a city-wise need, there's a better chance for industry to follow suit.
- Yes, to an extent. I think the war on plastic straws is addressing only a small part of the single use issue, AND there are legit reasons to use plastic straws (especially for people with disabilities), and that other items should be focused on more.
- Excess plastic garbage is causing havoc in our environment since it doesn't biodegrade. Our city can and should take a leading role in reducing worldwide waste. Clearly, 5 cent
- It's not sustainable to keep producing waste as we have in the past. We need to be creative.
- Really?? You need an explanation??
- To much garbage
- Less waste in our landfills!
- Protect the earth
- Yes because, with our busy lives we tend to use a lot of single use items that get thrown out
- Until distributors develop recyclable alternatives that can be used, the current ones listed are part of the fast food culture. A large topic that starts from the top down, not from the bottom up. Some do now have cups that are recyclable.
- Because companies need a baseline that they all must meet.
- the planet is dying
- The goal of eventually eliminating single-use items is something that any city concerned with its overall impact on the environment should do, and legislation is likely necessary to accomplish this goal.
- If Fort McMurray can be plastic bag free Calgary should as well
- Policies should be enacted by the city, to ensure that majority of businesses are engaged in decreasing the use of single use products.
- Single use plastic bags are an environmental hazard and should be banned.
- The extravagant and wasteful use of plastics needs to stop.
- There are many other biodegradable options that can be mass produced. We should be moving towards a cleaner world now that we fully understand the effects of plastic
- To minimize waste of non-compostable garbage.
- Because so many people use it and it's just sitting in landfills. This is the stuff that injures so many small animals and birds
- It's the least we can do.
- Everything comes in plastic, I think there should be onus on the consumer to bring in their own reusable small & large bags
- When a larger entity/corporation makes a mandated change for our society such as this one, there is much less of an option for those who do not yet believe that this change would help our environment/ecosystem/future generations.



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- Because the more we use these single use items the more landfill we produce when we could turn our single use items into multiple use
- It's super critical that we move away from these single use items and encourage people to bring their own containers, cook for themselves instead of eating out every meal, and move away from filling our landfills with garbage
- We can make lots of money
- Because if it isn't mandated, it won't happen.
- If people are not educated enough to make that decision for themselves, then the decision to help reduce waste on land and in the water, needs to be made for them.
- I think legislation may be the only way to reduce use for single use, since it is so convenient.
- Society is producing too much garbage!
- With advancements being made in compostable and other items why continue using such an inefficient material
- There are alternatives to the materials like plastic that are filling out landfills. It's time to force people to use them.
- Many of these items are beyond control the customers of these businesses which supply these products and therefore needs to be regulated
- We need to protect our environment!
- The world including Calgary is inundated with single use plastics. Time to step up, especially those with a lot of power such as the City of Calgary needs to take immediate action to eliminate single use plastics. START NOW!
- Every strategy that helps to change people's attitudes about disposable consumerism is important as we need to recognize that we cannot continue to consume resources at our current levels.
- It's the responsibility of the city and better for the environment
- Because we know the damage plastics cause and we should do better
- It is the responsible thing to do given our knowledge of how much plastic ends up in the ocean.
- It's killing our oceans and wildlife. Need the planet for our children.
- They are not essential. There are alternatives.
- causes too much trash.
- The garbage from single-use items accumulates very rapidly and the harm to the environment is not worth the one use you get out of the item.
- How is this a real question? Should we reduce our waste that we create based on a lack of innovation and convenience.
- Reduce pollution and environmental impact
- To ease the impact on our environment, and save space in landfills
- Reduce tons of unneeded waste
- We only have one planet, the waste produced by these items is unacceptable
- It is imperative that we take immediate action to ensure our environmental security.



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- Environment,
- reduce landfill overuse, also they are thrown in nature and parks.
- I usually resist the temptation to drink bottled water as I am strongly opposed to the commodification of drinking water as well as the single use plastic involved. Ditto plastic utensils or food containers. City encouragement of better options - awesome!
- We need more regulation to eliminate the creation and consumption of products that create waste.
- Because they're wasteful af
- Because it'd help reduce landfills
- It's unnecessary the amount of waste we produce
- There are better alternatives so why not use them
- it's a major environmental issue
- So many reasons. We all need support to make this easier.
- They pollute and are costly.
- It's always better to be greener if we can
- They're bad for the Earth!
- Single use plastic encourages wastefulness.
- Businesses need directives/incentive to change. We have to start somewhere!
- Companies won't change unless they are forced to. Also disposal options need to match what's being supported by YYC waste disposal (recycle/recycle or compost/compost)
- Less production of waste
- Won't happen without legislation.
- It makes unnecessary garbage to go into landfills, etc.
- Microplastics end up in our foodchain
- I think it is ridiculous to even ask frankly. Just get moving and ban as many items as you can. Follow Europe. I can and MUST be done
- If banning a single use item such as listed below keeps waste out of our landfill and from contaminating our recycling, it seems like it's the easy choice.
- Should reduce costs and create less waste.
- Because they are prevalent because we don't have standards and communication around preferences of consumers.
- Dangerous for nature
- Single use items are destroying our environment and our wild and sea life by producing copious amounts of plastic that ends up in landfills.
- Need regulation in place to reduce these items (i.e. plastic bags, straws, take out containers) as well as other products creating waste/contamination
- Too much paper in garbage
- For our better future
- To really make an impact on waste reduction, it is something I believe we must do.



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- With our compost system in place, more can be done to reduce landfill use. Composting items instead of using valuable land for garbage makes sense.
- Because single use plastics are poisoning our environment and the people
- Important for a sustainable community; it's unnecessary waste. We can make choices that help us and our planet
- TO do our part to reduce pollution and wasteful use of limited resources, for future generations
- Some of these items are either unnecessarily made of plastic when they could be made of paper, or their use can be discouraged, like plastic bags. California is banning plastic straws. In many countries plastic bags are also banned. Can we do the same?
- I think people will be more aware of their over use of these items if the city takes a stand on their use.
- Lead the way in cleaning up our city and the planet.
- I am concerned about our environment and this seems like a reasonable action to take
- Our city counsellors and city bureaucrats should guide with policy initiatives and education a more environmentally friendly alternative for Calgarians
- Because it is wasteful and pollutes our environment
- Oceans are completely choked with garbage, while already being threatened by climate change. It's time we stopped filling it with more.
- The rate at which we consume products and dispose of single use items is unsustainable. Styrofoam and other non recyclables should be banned, along with plastic bags. Coffee shops should be using recyclable/compostable cups if they don't already.
- They are habits and can be changed
- Just because someone says it's disposable doesn't actually make it a good idea to use it once and throw it out.
- Single use items is such a wasteful use of our resources. Plus many items such as those made from plastic do not breakdown for 100's of years. We need to reduce the items we throw out after a single use to the fewest as possible.
- To reduce plastic waste in our landfills and oceans
- Seriously!?! Climate change, micro-plastics in everything we eat, wastefulness, taking responsibility for being one of the leading cities that produce climate change.
- Environmental
- The more any item can be recycled and used more than once the better.
- Because we have a responsibility as a community to take care of the land. Reducing the amount of waste that we produce is one way that we can do that
- To reduce long lasting garbage that has contributed very little value to society.
- very important to remove plastics - toxic to the environment
- Yes we need to become more sustainable and reduce waste.



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- Our planet is getting increasingly polluted, we have an ethical duty to reduce waste and our impact on the earth.
- because we already suck with our carbon foot print with the oli sands.
- because we already suck with our carbon foot print with the oli sands. [DUPLICATE]
- We need to enter this century as most other major cities in the world are doing. It will make people think about what they use and throw away.
- I believe a lot can be done for disposable item withe the exception of straws. Disabled people are being discriminated as they can only drink with a plastic straw. They need to have them as a "ask" only item.
- With out the city leading the way, there will be no change on single use plastic.
- Such waste
- It's the right thing. It's the smart thing. And it's about time city hall got their act together on this stuff.
- We need to do everything we can to reduce pollution.
- Single use plastics are a huge source of pollution in our waterways. Who wants the bow full of garbage? Who wants a landfill that will never be anything else? It's a necessary step for many many reasons.
- it's a big wast to our landfill.
- They feel small, but used in mass numbers are brutally unsustainable. All disposable items should be recyclable and/or compost friendly
- We need to cut down on plastics use and waste heading into waterways
- I'd even say this is overdue - I keep reading about other cities and countries who are reducing or eliminating them, and wonder why we aren't leading the way?
- Because the landfills are destroying our planet and it's just another thing that contributes.
- Less waste = less in our landfills
- Need to protect environment. Human nature is to go for what is easy and that is usually disposable
- It is extremely frustrating when you go to the grocery store and everything that is made or prepared in store comes only in various plastic containers. This leaves the consumers no other options. It would be nice to see cardboard container options.
- There are alternatives to plastic
- So many first class cities have already done so and there is no reason for using these single use items.
- Continuing to deal with single use garbage isn't sustainable.
- A shift toward reusable items keeps out landfills from filling up and saves virgin resources be disincentivizing single use items
- Because our planet is being ruined by laziness and it's not that difficult to bring a bag, bring a coffee cup, not use straws etc.
- There are reusable alternatives to single use items that are more environmental friendly
- We should because we are awash in garbage!



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- We need to reduce the amount of waste. I think styrofoam containers should be targeted to be removed from our city. I think other take out container/cups should be recyclable or compostable
- It's completely unnecessary and is causing damage to our home
- Recycle rather than landfill.
- Plastics in the environment is a world-wide problem. Let's at least do our part. Compostable options are readily available for pennies more. While eye
- Would reduce littering
- Climate change is a serious problem that I am extremely concerned about. We must take action.
- Not sure
- Plastic is a major pollutant. For every convenient single-use plastic item we use there is a more environmentally sound alternative. We need to take steps to reduce our dependence on plastic which takes thousands of years to decompose.
- Let's reduce waste materials going to the landfill
- Because it's important to set an example and prioritize the environment
- In order to help protect the environment
- People are too selfish and stupid to do it on their own. It needs to be mandated by governments.
- To reduce the amount of plastic that ends up in landfills and to encourage more people to use reusable bags.
- Reducing waste would be beneficial for all. Single use plastics can be replaced with better options.
- Because they are unnecessarily going to landfill and polluting our natural environment, when there are plenty of eco-friendly alternatives. It's a no-brainer.
- Single use items can be harmful to the environment and only a minority of businesses and individuals take action.
- Because single use plastics end up in landfills and hurt the environment.
- Garbage needs to be reduced and the city is in the best position to initiate and support this.
- I think it's the City's responsibility to create a plan for this, and educate citizens.
- One planet. One chance.
- There are readily available alternatives that can easily displace single-use plastic products. Single-use plastic should be banned, period.
- Some things unfortunately have to be regulated to work.
- It would be a small change for us to carry the re-useable mugs many of us buy.
- Until the convenience is taken away, people won't bring or re-use containers.
- Until the convenience is taken away, people won't bring re-useable items themselves
- It's crucial for our environment and an important step in further protecting it. Climate change is happening and we need to do more.
- There are better ways of doing things
- The landfill is the saddest site you'll see in Calgary

- Single use plastics don't serve a long term function in our society (hence single use). Encouraging new ways to reuse and reduce is key. Love the takeout containers at places like Boston Pizza that are reusable/microwave and dishwasher safe
- Yes! We should do everything possible to help take care of our environment. There's no end of benefits to the community
- Yes! Anything we can do to help the environment helps the overall community. We should do as much as we can.
- A lot of waste is created from single use items that could easily be minimized or eliminated.
- Because we don't actually need them and it harms the planet
- As an international-calibre city, and one of the largest cities in Canada, we have a responsibility to be leader in waste-reduction.
- Because the world is dying
- Extremely important to stop the amount of junk going into our landfills.
- Single-use items are harmful to the environment
- Reduce landfill
- We can easily live without the single use products to reduce garbage production.
- It should be mandated that all single use items are compostable. If it's not a rule, businesses will never get on board.
- I think we need to plan to be a leader in this area
- Obviously most of the citizens aren't doing it themselves, and waste is a large environmental issue.
- Single use items needlessly fill our landfills. If the city takes action against the use of these items, it will force businesses to become
- We need to start changing our consumption to reflect a great concern for long term environmental sustainability
- too much vast
- There isn't enough awareness about how much single use plastic we use! A government-initiated movement may help raise awareness!
- Taking action against single use disposable items will push businesses and consumers to be more creative and mindful about packaging and waste. I would hope to incentivize consumers reusing containers and other items!
- Environmental sustainability
- Alternates are available...or can be developed. Some single use compostable cups are worse than plastic, but that is confusing and misleading. (EG Cannot be composted in Calgary) no single use items would solve that problem.
- Important for there to be resources provided for Calgarians to reduce their garbage, more recycling options hopefully would encourage more citizens to reduce their waste
- it is our responsibility to protect the environment and its creatures.



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- It is important to start changing our habits bit by bit. By nudging people to use fewer single use containers we will be reducing waste and energy consumption to recycle containers.
- Plastic does not significantly degrade so is problematic with so many people making so much garbage. Also, I loath litter and all of the plastic humans carelessly add to our environment m; not only does it hurt our flora and fauna, it is terribly ugly.
- Many Non recyclable and non compostable single use plastic can be replaced with compostable/recyclable alternatives. We need to reduce plastic use. There are compostable take-out containers, and utensils already available.
- They are further contributing to the plastic problem and we need to find a better way to deal with it than putting it in landfills
- It's too easy to use single use that we all misuse the priledge. The cost is the future of our home and planet. We need to help ourselves
- People as individuals fail to make good decisions that protect the environment. Social action needs to be done to make a significantly effect.
- Private companies and consumers do not have enough incentive to reduce waste a lone and need help/incenetives from the city.
- I put most of the listed items in recycling. I've spent all summer picking up these items from local parks, trails, and riverside.
- Environmental reasons
- Because there are so many alternatives to many single use items. Reusable straws, reusable containers, etc.
- Because it's the right thing to do.
- Reducing is more effective than reusing and recycling, and we desperately need to take action if we are to make an impact against climate change.
- Save the planet
- I'd love to reduce single use products as much as possible
- My black is regularly full of these items- it would reduce garbage going to the dump
- I think Expanded polystyrene specifically should be eliminated. other examples of single use product should be discouraged but not addressed by government
- We are behind the rest of the country in this practice. We only have one planet and every single thing we do to reduce waste can have an impact on the protection of the environment.
- Too much pkastic everywhere.
- It will help reduce waste and unnecessary, non reuseable products
- All food packaging should be nontoxic, including inks, stickers, and wraps, and should be made from sustainable, renewable, biodegradable, and compostable materials, and where possible and practical should be reusable.
- I find so many products that aren't necessarily recyclable are being thrown in the trash after one use.



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- The amount of single use plastic pollution in the world is appalling. When you think of how much recyclable items are used by everyone daily, let alone yearly is saddening. Especially when Canada doesn't even have a true plastic recycling strategy.
- Rockyview hospital, where I work is starting to use more compostable single use items
- Canada has a poor plastic recycling strategy. China doesn't want it anymore and we are storing plastic from recycling programs. The world's plastic pollution is appalling and its time we step up. Canada should be the leader in environmental concerns.
- It is time for Calgary to make this a priority. Let's be leaders in the country.
- Yes it would be helpful if the city offered alternatives
- Too much garbage
- Better for the environment long term
- It needs no explanation. We need to reduce our waste!!
- Only if it can be justified that we are not using other alternative products or activities that are more harmful overall. I reuse my plastic bags 3 times at least before disposal
- Because we need to Take care of the environment!
- Why not?
- To protect the environment.
- I see huge amount of these single used items are wasted in landfill while those could be recycled
- Single use items are unnecessary in terms of use. It could be replaced through behaviour change. The items destroy our oceans and pollutes the surrounding areas. Causes health issues or death in animals.
- Support from municipal government may assist businesses and individuals in reducing waste.
- This is a pressing environmental issue that needs attention
- We have a responsibility as world citizens and we over consume without a thought for the long term impact.
- Yes, because we can lead the way for greater change in Canada. By cutting down on plastic use as a city we can reduce the amount of resources being wasted
- To reduce waste, reduce plastic, help the environment
- Reasons above
- I think it's important. There is only so much landfill space. There really no need for most of the items. We just need a change of attitude with our consumption.
- Single use items are not only a drain on a person's finances but also a drain on resources. If we buy better made reusable products we are encouraging business to make better stuff and better decisions.
- Reduce landfill waste and plastic waste that won't decompose.
- it's a way to force people to start being environmentally aware. If people have to start planning ahead as to what they will use instead for these items I think they will start to be more conscious in every day use



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- Reduction in water but increase in recycling
- These should be less dependence on garbage- especially plastic
- we are running out of landfill space and have become too reliant on the convenience of disposable items
- Single-use items take up too much of our landfills. Yes, they are convenient, but these items aren't environmentally friendly and are not viable options in the long run.
- Waste reduction is a do-able measure towards solving our environmental crisis.
- There is so much unnecessary waste. I think a strategy that targets one or 2 items at a time would be the most effective to allow people to adapt to change.
- Without leadership from the City, who will lead?
- charging fees for using single use items helps the city generate funds and giving people the option of using their own containers, cups, etc without a charge will help the environment and themselves if they should so choose.
- Not only do people often fail to dispose of them and leave them to pile up everywhere, it takes a lot of energy to recycle them, and even to make them in the first place.
- We need to reduce the amount of plastic used. It's detrimental to the environment.
- Many alternatives are out there for natural material that decomposes on its own. It is actually reticulum how easy it is to use single use items. Companies should have incentives to move away from them.
- To care for our environment through viable alternatives and real incentives
- Yes, as long as the needs of disabled individuals are taken into account (like with straws, for example).
- Because everyone needs to start being more ethically responsible to reduce waste
- We have the resources to reduce our waste
- Not sure how you plan to do this since many products with single use are non-recyclable & are usually imports. When you say "action" I think = taxation, b/c there's not going to be a way to recycle straws & N-R plastics etc.. No choice not to avoid some t
- They are not needed and pollute.
- They are useless, wasteful and non-compostable.
- It should be illegal or a finable offense for clerks to ask if someone wants a plastic bag for 1-5 items. There is no need for a bag most occasions.
- The amount of waste created by single-use items is growing and will only get worse with apps like skip the dishes.
- Implementing a strategy for businesses to only be able to supply recyclable/compostable straws, shopping bags, etc. Also, have garbage bins in public spaces (17th Avenue, for example) with options for garbage, paper, bottle, plastic, and compost.
- The best way to reduce the use of single use plastics would be by working together as a community.



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- this is an incredibly important move for making life more kind and sustainable. Individual action is great but without larger government supported regulations the changes aren't big enough to foster a real impact
- Pretty much all single use items are recyclable but the city decides not to recycle them.
- As a wealthy, prominent city in the developed world, we have an obligation to be ecologically responsible.
- We can no longer afford the proliferation of plastics.
- Single use is a waste and contributes to pollution
- Plastics cause harm to animals that ingest them, and take decades to degrade in landfills. Why use space up in landfills for single-use plastics if there's a better alternative?
- Reduce needless waste
- Our consumer behaviours leave a terrible waste consequence. Our conveniences have driven single use plastic waste to unnecessary levels of waste and toxic residue into our soil and waterways and eventually into animal life including vulnerable populations
- Most of these items are unnecessary and are polluting the environment.
- A little nudge to stop unnecessarily contributing to the pollution of the environment can go a long way. It is simple but will benefit all of us .
- Because it is very important to reduce the amount of waste we create, and it may be up to the city to help provide incentive when businesses need a boost to take initiative
- In order to make an impact, we need regulations and initiatives in place to hold the public and businesses accountable, as well as rewards/incentives to get people to *actually* participate.
- Focus should be on items that cannot be recycled such as polystyrene takeout food containers.
- We are generating trash faster than we can naturally dispose of it. Single use products are a huge portion of that waste. Think of the amount of coffee cups we use daily.
- I have noticed the enormous amount of waste I myself am producing
- To save the planet
- Other major cities are doing this - Calgary needs to follow suit.
- Single-use items are convenient but have an impact on our environment as these items often end up as litter or in our landfills, and can take thousands of years to break down.
- To save the earth
- Other cities are taking action proving that it's doable.
- Absolutely, without question. Thank you for getting this ball rolling!
- Absolutely, without question. Thank you for getting this ball rolling! [DUPLICATE]
- Environmental responsibility, sustainability, reduction of reliance on oil
- Because businesses are not doing it on their own and the options are out there, not cost prohibitive if all businesses are doing the same thing.
- We need to change our habits globally to protect the earth.



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- We are using too many single use products and need to get ahead of the game by putting together a strategy in order to eliminate those products for good.
- Reduce our waste and live more sustainably
- We need to make an effort to take better care of the environment and these items are largely unnecessary or easily replaced with more environmentally friendly options
- It is important to reduce plastic affect our environment.
- Most items are not necessary
- We all need to do better at being environmentally conscious. Not just doing what is easiest and most convenient for today, but doing whatever will enable the prosperity of the natural environment in future years for our kids and their kids.
- Because a lot of the one time waste things are convenient but not needed
- Everything we can do to reduce waste should be considered, especially to reduce impacts on the environment.
- Because our plastic will create more garbage and will affect the food chain and animals.
- Every city should take action to reduce garbage.
- This will help reduce the volume of waste entering the landfill. It's reasonable now that a variety of more sustainable alternatives are readily available.
- I believe that it is important to reduce waste. Especially those that take a very long time to break down
- So we can preserve our environment and help improve the well being of animals and people
- There are many options for biodegradable items. All grocery stores sell re-usable shopping bags for a nominal fee.
- In short, banning single-use items is the responsible thing to do. It will definitely be inconvenient but in a market economy the only way our dependence on single-use items will change is by having the expectations and stage set by the governing body.
- Let's leave our environment in better shape than we find it.
- to better the environment and planet duh
- I hate throwing them out!
- Nobody wants a landfill in their backyard, so we should make sure our existing landfill sites last as long as possible. Single use items are the epitome of preventable waste.
- Far too much waste. Many people still not recycling.
- The level of garbage is too high. I am trying to reduce my footprint but sometimes convenience makes me lazy.
- C'mon who would want to live in a city full of waste?? am i right??
- To further the city's great direction so far on reducing waste
- Single use items are bad for the environment (unless biodegradable), wasteful, and promote a culture of "use and throw away"
- to eliminate waste in landfills and trash in the environment



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- to reduce the waste produced by the city, and laws could very much help with that
- Yes. Move towards more compostible materials and adjust the city's compost process to allow them to process these materials (understand it currently cannot)
- We have the power to reduce landfill waste by banning plastic bags and straws and other plastics. It will have a profound difference in the future of our planet.
- We need to be more aggressive in waste reduction and greener options. We only have 1 planet and we have to take care of it.
- Yes. Single use items have no place in our world. If citizens of Calgary had alternatives available it would be easier to implement daily life with less waste. Our throw away culture needs to end and Calgary can be a leader. There is no reason to not.
- We have a responsibility to be more cognizant of the effects of our trash on our environment. We have become dependant on disposable items that at one time were not available and I believe we can get along fine without them again.
- Too much unnecessary waste.
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- Because limiting the amount of single use items, we can have less of a harmful impact on our planet.
- Often we don't need single use items. I don't mind effort in cleaning/reusing items. We've gone so 'hygienic' we have to have brand new/untouched by human hands every time?
- any steps to reduce our environmental footprint is always good
- The impact on the environment is unsustainable.
- There are many alternatives that can be used instead of single use that are better for the environment.
- less waste.
- too much waste in landfills. consumers are not being motivated to cut back on disposable single use items.
- We often dispose a lot of disposable items like plates, forks, cups, etc in the trash bin and we've seen people considering those as recyclables. Doing the separation will help in the confusion IMO!
- Because people and establishments would then be forced to make new habits, even if they have good intentions to
- Climate change. Nuff' Said
- To create less garbage
- If other countries can move toward zero waste, so can Calgary.
- Single use plastics is one of the biggest environmental concerns we have
- Individuals will generally choose the cheaper option. Make single use items not economically viable and people will choose a different option.
- Improve the beauty of our natural environment, reduce widespread plastic waste, and continue improving Calgary's waste strategy!



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- The City of Calgary should help to reduce the single- use items in the dump.
- This hardly requires explanation. Single-use items directly and negatively impact all aspects of our lives -- our health, the environment, the economy, the landscape. Their use is wasteful, indulgent, and self-destructive.
- Plastic is not biodegradable.
- Why wouldn't we?
- Some of them are unnecessary (straws) and others can be replaced with more environmentally conscious alternatives (I would imagine, not a substantial cost)
- There are alternatives to single use plastic items that have less of an impact. Switching to more sustainable options would make a big difference to the load on our earth!
- Many of us already do many things to reduce our footprint. More is always better and there are enough options available to change to better choices.
- To reduce what is going into the Landfill
- Because its the future, period. We do it now and be leaders or later, still have to do it. Also, fully compostable alternatives to ALL those items are AVAILABLE already, but to save a penny business owners wont switch. That's why legislation is needed.
- yes. needs to be national as well. Need vendors to be part of solution. resellers, manufacturers, fast food/restaurant, retail have no penalty and can pollute with packaging at will. Right now they fill their bins and it's off to the dump.
- keep these items out of landfill, discourage use (and therefore production) of these items to save on GHG emissions from production and disposal.
- City is paying to store plastics as there is no market for them, a lot of which will likely end up in landfills and some, ultimately, in our rivers, lakes and oceans. The world has a severe plastic problem. We need to reduce our consumption immediately.
- yes. but manufacturers need to be the biggest solution. they have been allowed to pollute at will. how many bins does an average fast food chain like McD's send to the dump per month. also packaging from CHINA as most plastics are not recyclable.
- I don't believe we can properly export all of the recycled plastic so it just sits in storage rooms, with no place to go.
- They're so unnecessarily wasteful
- It's so wasteful and unnecessary...
- Too much waste
- Waste is an economic liability.
- We're running out of time to clean up our planet.
- We live on Earth.
- Clearly the market isn't doing it's job, so it's up to government to step in.
- We need to reduce our waste
- Because single use is unnecessary and causes too much damage to the environment and animals.



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- Some people don't think about the consequences. Maybe making these items more costly or more difficult to obtain will make people more aware of their consumer decisions.
- YES YES!!! For the planet, for my children, I cannot agree strongly enough! We are creating enormous problems with waste for momentary convenience and need to change the norms around this, action at the City level is a great place to do this!!
- The reason I want the City of Calgary to reduce the amount of single-used items is because the population of the world is beginning to increase and the more the people there are the more plastic there will be which uses more water.
- I am not great at reducing use on my own, but would be happy to be forced into making positive changes
- Single use items have the lowest energy efficiency. The only way to change behaviors is through collective action and cultural shifts to break behaviors of convenience.
- Because we use at least on these items each day.
- it seems wasteful though cleaning takes energy and resources, and having items sanitary for eating is also important. Biodegradable single use items seem like a good alternative.
- It is a large issue that requires backing from the city
- Voluntary participation doesn't seem to be working to reduce single use items.
- We need to limit the amount that ends up in landfills
- As much as I try not to use single use containers, the worst are styrofoam ones. I can't even recycle them. At least make it so I can recycle some of these items.
- To reduce waste and protect the environment.
- If something is single use, it should be recyclable and or compostable.
- Responsibility for the planet and our impact
- It's clearly wasteful. It might be convenient, but the damage it does offsets any convenience.
- To reduce the amount of waste entering our landfills and environment.
- Because it's always good to use less plastics
- people will argue that it is not the city's role, but we have to be leaders in making changes.
- these items are not necessary, they are just convenience items.
- Single use items are merely a convenience that leave behind a trail of destruction in the form of pollution, toxin leaching and general ravaging of the environment. Let's make it our mission to protect the environment, starting with reducing waste output.
- The city has the ability to make a big impact as an organization and can help change our reliance on single use items.
- If the city doesn't take action, people will continue to use these items, and as the population grows, the waste accumulation will become exponential. There are options aside from single-use plastics, and it's important for people to become aware of them.
- Lots of alternatives
- For the environment



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- If we control single use items, the quantity of garbage will be reduced. So it is necessary to control single use items.
- because we only have one earth so if do not take action now, we will
- Calgary needs to make the decision because the market won't! I would be so proud of Calgary if we took a stand on this issue.
- Left to their own devices, private businesses (except a small amount of exceptions) will not/do not care about the waste they are producing, from what I've seen/heard they only care about their waste when it starts to affect their bottom line profits.
- I support business that clean up the single use plastics in the ocean, and the green bin project. However all of that will be useless until there will be no more consuming of single use plastic.
- Single use items are "low hanging fruit" - they create waste disproportionate to their value
- There's far too much garbage
- We need to start somewhere
- Plastic is the scourge of our planet. The more we can reduce, the better
- Especially larger single use items are the big problem, such as water bottles and if someone doesn't do something we will have a bigger problem than we already do
- By reducing all plastics, we could leave a better world for upcoming generations
- Most SUI could be made to be recyclable
- Because single use items are wasteful. We use them for convenience but can find other options
- It's better for the environment.
- because the environment is dying
- Municipal action may help individuals follow suit, much like the green carts had more Calgarians involved in composting
- Because they don't belong in the landfill. It's the responsible thing to do
- The harm of single-use items is tremendous. There are now good alternatives to plastic or styrofoam.
- Yes because so many of these items exist and are commonly used
- organizations should be held accountable for providing single use items, this will create bigger change. Only having limited numbers of individuals making conscious changes doesn't make a big enough impact
- It is 2018 and we can certainly do better these days with the single use items that we use.
- It might be a large upfront cost, but ultimately reducing the waste we contribute to sitting in a landfill is VERY important for continuing efforts to keep our planet liveable. Compostable takeout containers are readily available!
- Single use plastic is a massive environmental issue that we need to take steps toward fixing
- Because companies and businesses won't do it on their own without incentives. It's cheaper for them to use single use items right now but if there were legislation in place to make it a better option I believe they would make the change.



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- U mm ya the environmental protection. Also we are years and years behind other major cities!
- Plastic is killing our planet
- There is already too much plastic waste in the environment and cities should all be working towards a more environmentally conscious way of reducing waste.
- It would better if there were a way to compost them. Single use bags are used in garbage chutes but maybe paper could be made strong enough not to break on the way down. Long term care places need strong straws for some patients with dementia / problems.
- because its ruining the invierment
- Good for environment
- We need to do our part to reduce waste! Too much waste is produced around the world and it is one of the most important issues we need to tackle.
- People throw too many things away, either on the road and pathways or in the wrong bin. People should be more educated. Teach children then they will teach their parents.
- It will help the environment,
- Charging for items such as plastic bags at the store is not reducing their use in my opinion. Coffee cups and related items (lids, sleeves, etc) are thrown away at an alarming rate. Anything to make the public more aware and reduce items to landfill
- I have children and would like Calgary to be a cleaner less wasteful place for them
- It will help the environment, reduce the wasting, educate people on being more conscious about the environment and reduce our footprint
- Yes! Compostable food trays should be mandatory for business. Specially groceries, they should have their suppliers change their meat trays, and veggie trays into an environment friendly material. Same as restaurants!
- Reduce the amount of waste going into our landfills.
- We aren't doing it ourselves. I think we need it to be made a priority like smoking or composting.
- Banning single use materials completely is the easiest way to stop their widespread use. At a minimum, Single use items could be replaced by compostable versions (eg. compostable paper packaging instead of styrofoam).
- We generate too much plastic waste
- It's terrible for the environment - these things never degrade. But we need a legislated nudge.
- I believe that reducing single-use items will improve waste management and spark motivation towards more efficient, long-lasting innovation. Spreading awareness of the issue is not enough, it should be enforced somehow so everyone contributes daily.
- I believe we should all take action to reduce all garbage.
- It would provide less waste and strain on the government. It will also make humans more conscious.
- There is no justification to continue allowing single use plastics when economically viable options exist, either reusable or recyclable/compostable.

- Because this would be such an easy way to reduce our waste. People would get used to the small extra effort or expense.
- It is so alarming the amount of waste that comes from restaurants and gr
- Yes. We need to forge the way to a greener tomorrow. Really need to start thinking about what kind of earth we will be leaving our children.
- We, as a species, won't survive if we don't radically change our ways.
- We need to start taking action and be environmentally responsible over convenience
- N/a
- Just makes sense
- It makes financial sense; 2. reduces volume of gargage; 3. forces companies to use recyclable materials
- There is no need for them.
- Because policy changes behaviour
- It's a waste to use them.
- Because we can't afford to continue filling up the landfill. Garbage is going to consume us.
- To reduce waste, as barely any of them are recycled!
- Its polluting the land and oceans
- To help encourage people to use reusable items instead of single-use items.
- Because the planet can not currently keep up with our waste and the city should take steps to aid in reducing waste.
- All modern countries do it
- There are already so many places trying to individually put policies in place. I feel like if the city took action at least all the policies from stores would be aligned.
- Not everything is single use. I already repurpose many "single use" packaging
- Yes Because less waste would reduce landfill costs and their would be less litter.
- yes- lots of money to ship it to where it needs to go and then to store it. Stores should be on the hook for the cost of single use.
- To replace plastic items with recycle material
- plastic takes too long to decompose; encourage use of reusable containers and compostable alternatives
- Single use items are very harmful for the environment and there are alternatives to this. Unfortunately these alternatives are more expensive and more available.
- We won't do it if we're not regulated.
- Single use items make no logical sense, you should generate items for multiple use to save on the amount of materials produced. Decreasing the economic factor and also the ecosystem damage
- To care about the environment
- Everywhere I go, I see drink cups, food boxes and chip packages. Messy, unsanitary and bad for the environment.



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- The right thing to do; sometimes industry and people need a push and rules to follow in order to implement something we all want
- If people choose to use single use items, it should be heavily taxed.
- We have known that plastic waste is an issue for decades. We need to REDUCE our plastic use significantly and only use plastics that can be reliably recycled.
- Reducing waste in anyway possible is always in the best interest.
- yes - less in the land fill - more recycle - go green --- best thing all around ...
- Generally, the food and beverage industry prioritizes efficiency, convenience and low cost reducing it's waste output and environmental impact. It needs a push and incentive from government in order to move away from these short-term guiding principles
- I care about the environment.
- I think there are many great alternatives in order to reduce waste, and that often times people do not go out of their own way to do it (perhaps out of laziness), and that is where policymakers step in to help change for the better.
- We can use reusable items to reduce waste
- A system that habituates people provides better consistency than hoping for individuals to take initiative to sort and recycle.
- To reduce litter and volume of items going to landfill.
- We need to educate and innovate for the people and city. Let's be a leader in this space and others on environmental issues.
- I care about the environment
- If the city is able to provide education and solutions, the people will follow. Our world would be much better for it. This will also draw positive attention. We will be examples of a better future.
- Looming climate change catastrophe.
- It's the responsible thing to do. I would much rather my tax dollars go to saving the environment than to the Olympics or a new facilities for pro sports teams.
- The free market can't take care of the environment on their own and without a focused & collective effort. To make "shared spaces" livable to most if not all, the government should take the lead.
- plenty of the items aren't properly disposed of. if they end up in a storm sewer, a ditch or a river, the biodegradability is a major problem.
- I think this is an urgent ecological need, and infrastructure that supports zero-waste activity goes a long way.
- help with the enviroment
- plenty of the items aren't properly disposed of. if they end up in a storm sewer, a ditch or a river, the biodegradability is a major problem. [DUPLICATE]
- Keeping them out of the landfill, as stated above
- Because it's possible to do and our landfills can only handle so much!



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- Because with our changing climate, it's our responsibility to make this change. Calgary is a rich city that it's citizens can afford to buy alternative multiple use items.
- Calgary, has a world wide platform as in, it is well known around the world. Take initiative to be a leader in the reduction of single use plastics.
- Yes, because there are many alternatives to single use items, and because need to proactive as individuals and as a city in doing our part to save the environment (although big companies play a huge part in the waste problem)
- All municipalities should ban them they do not degrade over time, our environment is being destroyed by the accumulation of these used items, there are main environmentally friendly alternatives available
- Our landfills are growing drastically just like out city and one small step towards being more ecologically friendly could benefit us so much more
- environment saver....ban from use
- Single use products are not only environmentally harmful but also are the biggest area of litter. It would be easy for consumers to use their own reusable items.
- The citizens will not make the motivated change to stop using single use items and the city can really inspire some change here by banning plastic bags and plastic straws.
- We need to reduce wherever we can
- Because I care about our oceans.
- Because are items in other countries are recycled itens, so if they could do it we can do it too
- We need to move beyond convenience and care for the earth,
- I said yes.
- Yes because our single use items are slowly destroying and polluting the one earth we have left. With no way to be broken down, and not reusable it is not a good solution to be using.
- We either take action now or inevitably take action later once more damage has been done. There are so many alternatives to single use.
- These are unnecessary and alternatives exist. Most people won't stop using these items without the city mandating it.
- We all need to do our part. Reducing waste, support repurposing and repair
- The environmental and cost-saving benefits are obvious. Both citizens and business owners would greatly benefit from a single-use waste reduction strategy to help harmonize efforts and improve the availability of sustainable commercial items.
- We need to be conscious. If we just use these things out of convenience then we will never instigate change.
- Unless it compromises health and or safety, the City of Calgary should try to focus on items that biodegrade or can be recycled.
- To reduce landfill garbage
- It's best for the environment.



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- Plastic based Single use items are not sustainable
- Depending on the item. It's not realistic to eliminate all
- There are better solutions. We need to keep in mind that people with disabilities need some of these items to live a normal life so a flat out ban may not be the way to go.
- Because it matters
- Look at the problems with our oceans. The amounts of micro plastics. Most take out containers should be compostable. We are scuba divers and the numbers of straws we have seen in turtles' noses is disturbing.
- Not all as many items can be used as multi-use but some items should be considered & if can be recycled should find a way to do it & implement compostable whenever possible.
- It is a threat to environment. Used for 10 mins, lasts for 10 million years
- Recycling items is great but not using them at all is even better. We need to reduce what goes into our landfills.
- The amount of garbage thrown out by the average household is ridiculous. Some people don't care about the long term effects of plastics, or micro plastics, and don't even try to reduce their footprint.
- Because there is no need to waste unneeded and hard-to-breakdown items.
- Straws most definitely as there is a compostable option. Plastic bags I already reuse for kitty litter. But there are huge benefits To reducing all of these. Our waterways & oceans don't need more junk!
- It's important
- Yes because it's 2018 and we have no need for that anymore
- Because there's no time like the present to think about the future & our impact on environment. Also it puts some focus on companies to start evolving their products. While following the growing desire & understanding to care for our planet.
- They are bad for the environment
- fast food places need to start using biodegradable ware (cups, lids, straws, utensils, take-away containers...)
- Because if a change is made at the City level then consumers are forced to take action (ie. if there is not plastic shopping bags at the grocery store I HAVE to bring my own bags, instead of forgetting them at home half the time)
- Because compostable alternatives should be the normal. Styrofoam and single use plastic are huge pollutants and should not be in use in the city when there are viable compostable alternatives on the market.
- It's ruining the earth!
- Single use items are not good for the environment. People should be more aware of how much really does end up in the landfills.
- To benefit the environment and wildlife.



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- To make a difference and become one of the most bio friendly cities in Canada/the world. We have to make a change for future generations.
- Leaving the job of reducing single use plastics to the consumer will take too long, we need to take action now and the city has the power to limit these types of items.
- Not only does this trash end up in our parks and rivers, but we have a global responsibility as well.
- the majority of single use items are completely unnecessary as other, better alternatives exist and are easily accessible. Many other cities and even nations are banning single use items and Calgary, as an innovative city, should be at the forefront.
- Because the earth is single use
- Because we only have one planet to live on and we have to take better care of it by reducing our impact!
- These items are disposed in the City of Calgary's landfill.
- Individuals can take action themselves, but some individuals require more of a push from their government to consider changing their lifestyles
- Part of the appeal of single use plastics is ease of access. A barrier to access means people will become more creative in what they choose to use.
- Plastics are unnecessary and there are a lot of alternatives to them. Working in retail, there is a lot of unrecycled plastic and paper (packaging and receipts) that gets thrown out and there should be something put in place to regulate that as well.
- Good for the environment
- A lot of them are unnecessary and only used out of laziness. Recycled materials for takeout boxes is a better option but if you don't bring a reusable bag to the store then you should have to buy one or carry your stuff. We should use Portland as an example
- Bad for the environment
- We need to become less dependent on single use items that just go to landfills. The next generation cannot inherit our mistakes. We must teach them to be green.
- We need to reduce the amount of waste we produce and there are many alternatives available to us. Even with a cost increase, we need to be more responsible.
- It is important to care for our environment and try to halt the rapid depletion of natural habitats, endangered species, and to slow the rising oceans
- It's an easy way to reduce our environmental footprint and reduce pressure on landfills.
- Single-use disposable anything is irresponsible. I use them. But if you ban them I can't. Society needs the nudge.
- Less waste created
- Unnecessary and wasteful
- Most of single use plastics do not get recycled and end up in our oceans, and landfills, and contaminate soils and our water. It's becoming a big problem and something really needs to be done.



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- I use single use items but I know that I could make do without them. If they were not an option (or if the availability was limited) I could adapt just fine.
- To help with landfills filling up.
- There are way too many items to dispose of and are usually improperly recycled or wasted. The environmental impacts of waste are huge and we should work to reduce our carbon footprint as a city and province.
- It's something that is so easy to get rid of and would have such a positive impact on the environment and landfills
- It's an easy step that makes a big difference.
- Without action from the city we are reliant on individuals to make that choice and often the convenience factor outweighs even best intentions. Look at the success of moving away from plastic bags in other jurisdictions. No choice forces good actions.
- because plastic doesn't go away
- we have one planet and smarter people.
- Yes, with the caveat that I don't think restricting the use of these items is necessarily the best option - I would prefer to see better recycling that is able to handle them instead.
- I think it's important that people be conscious about the amount of waste they produce in one day. However, I also believe governments and corporations should accept responsibility, not just blaming individual consumers.
- Very concerned about the amount of single use plastics in use currently.
- We are too much a use once throw away society.
- I think there is a lot of unnecessary plastic waste that is not able to be recycled. There are alternate solutions to most of these items and I feel that it should be explored. Especially the plastic bags at grocery stores, please ban plastic bags!!
- I think it's very important to introduce people to more environmentally safe actions, such as readable bags, recyclable straws and other sustainable materials
- Other cities/towns in Canada have passed laws regarding single use plastics, we need to catch up to them. Cannot continue down this path of everything being disposable.
- There are better options
- N/a
- someone has to make a stand not easy but required
- it's a good start up idea to save environment
- All of the items you list below have compostable options and I don't see why businesses are not encouraged to use these as options for single use products
- We need to start cleaning up our space instead of just making a mess of the space we have.
- Single-use items are definitely a huge issue when it comes to waste. I do want to note I think a DECREASE, not a BAN is important. Individuals with disabilities benefit from single use plastic items and it's important that they be available.



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- Reusable bags are readily available.
- Yes because we only use them once and this seems wasteful/unnecessary.
- I think we should all make more effort to reduce waste to combat climate change and nurture our environment. We are falling behind in these efforts. Some European countries are doing a much better job protecting the environment.
- We have a responsibility to maintain this city
- Calgary should be mitigating waste as much as possible
- There are so many alternatives available that are not one time use.
- Concerted centralized effort is required for this to work. Leaving it to individual responsibility is obviously not working.
- I work in home less shelters and work their coffee house, the amount from that alone is frightening
- Necessary to reduce our environmental impact.
- Calgary should be sustainable in saving the environment and economy as well, so if waste is going to be reduced less money would be neeses
- Because the people aren't always aware of the long term consequences of their actions. We need to be made to think before we heedlessly act and damage our environment further
- If the city doesn't, who will?
- There is no need for nearly the amount of waste that the average person produces.
- They are wasteful and unnecessary
- Absolutely - we have become a disposable/single-use society. Upon calling 311 to inquire on simple styrofoam, citing other local municipalities who do recycle these, I was told to take my items to those municipalities. NOT true recycling.
- I think that we need to reduce waste. However I think plastic straws are needed by those with disabilities and should not be banned
- Pollution
- Important to reduce waste. Plastic is taking over dumps, beaches, and more!
- While the recycling program has reduced waste a great deal, these single use items make up most of our garbage now. With a program to recycle these, waste would be impacted a great deal.
- I feel that if we don't, it's going to be easier for people to throw it all in the trash. Right now my understanding is coffeecups can be recycled but lids can't, so people don't.
- Plastic increases petroleum production and landfill requirements. I grew up in a time when there was hardly any disposable plastic so I know it can be done. Time to correct the errors of contemporary society.
- Laziness begets wastefulness
- It damages the environment and it looks ugly when people throw it on the ground
- Research suggests that these things have a negative impact on our world. I'm willing to be part of a cultural change to minimize or eliminate many of these things if it is thoughtfully done with respect to businesses that already have tight margins.



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- People take single use plastics because it is what they have always done. We need to change this practice and peoples habits - citizens need to think on a daily basis about their actions and the impacts to the environment.
- Citizens need to learn to change their habits for the sake of the environment.
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- Yes because we only use them once and this seems wasteful/unnecessary.
- To make change happen, to give an example and drive change in behaviour
- education can solve lots of problems, many have no understanding on the impact of there daily activities.
- Calgary is the future, so Calgary needs to have some foresight and implement on a sustainable identity rather than follow unsustainable American trends blindly.
- Fast food/drink packaging is so prevalent and relatively easy to reduce with a little effort.
- Simply reducing even one single use item per household would have drastic impacts on waste overall. And one leads to two leads to three and so on.
- Everybody has to do as much as possible to reduce waste for the survival of our planet/species
- For the sake of future habitability and existence of life on earth.
- Single-use items are contributing to environmental pollution.
- Single use items affect ecosystem because animals may eat them and die
- Because its a leaders job to do whats right for the land, the region and the people. Not just good for finances.
- Because it reduces the waste and the waste that goes into the landfill, so its helping the enviornment and it is less work for the litter program
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- I think we should so the earth does not get polluted
- I don't see changes happening without actual regulations
- Big contributor to environmental waste
- I don't believe leaving the decision up to individual consumers will result in the change necessary by industry at the pace demanded by our current environmental needs.
- So many multi-use alternatives that could be used and behaviour changes that are actually not too hard to implement.
- If these items are regularly available people are going to use them regardless if they need them or not. It has gotten to the point where people don't understand how pointless these things are due to how use to them we are.
- Single use plastics are simply not sustainable. If they are not available, then people will use other more sustainable options. I am so happy the city is looking into this issue.
- Single use plastics fill landfills and there are better alternatives to many of them available.
- because i think it will protect our world from pollution.
- becuase these things we are consuming daily so its better if we can make use of them.

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- I think it will help to reduce non recyclable waste that harms our oceans
- Something should be done to encourage less use of these items.
- Because it gets into the oceans and kills animals and fills land with garbage instead of useful infrastructure
- Because its gets into the oceans, rivers and lakes, killing sea life and endangering wildlife in forests and prairies. Its unattractive in the city and landfills take up useful space for infrastructure
- Because we need to take better care of our environment and planet. Plastic waste kills sea life and clutters the planet.
- To reduce rapid destruction of the earth resources
- Because we should take care of the environment!
- Because we should care and help the environment
- I think so because we can make a difference by saving trees which provide oxygen and homes for animals. By reducing our plastic use we save animals and reduce garbage.
- Because we should care and help the environment by reducing garbag
- To reduce pollution.
- I think everyone and every business should do what they can to help reduce litter in general.
- Policies influence large systemic change, e.g., composting in calg. So lets create incentives for people and businesses to make changes. And it'll be nice to not feel like i'm crazy for bringing my own container.
- Styrofoam is used more often in stores and is more harmful to the enviroment but the City of Calgary doesn't recycle it.
- It is wasteful and harmful to the environment when reusable products are available
- "Garbage makes the Earth sick and can make all living things extinct." Sophie
- By Reducing landfill items we can help the environment and reduce the pollution.
- We need to start taking action now to encourage to think about their waste which occurs on a daily basis. We should be thinking about our waste and replacing single use items with reusable items.
- With the amount of recyclable or compostable single use items available, there is no need for single use plastics
- Reduce garbage
- because it's 2018 and it seems the vast majority of people don't have the slightest clue how things add up on a large scale. People seem generally careless and this is a HUGE problem. People including businesses. It's horrible and cross. Styrafoam?! Fuck.
- We need to reduce our use of plastic. The oceans and dumps are being filled with these non organic wastes, which pollute our environment.
- Whether it's a public or private endeavour, waste reduction is necessary. The amount of waste produced for such trivial conveniences is a shameful human practice.
- Soon the landfills will be filled with plastic and we'll have to take up some of our space for the landfills.



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- To do our best for the environment
- Plastic pollution is my number one reason for reducing single-use items like straws, styrofoam cups, plastic bags.
- This is critical to promote needed change for our environment and future generations. Furthermore it reduces litter as well.
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- Any single use product can be made biodegradable
- Because our environment matters
- because our environment matters [DUPLICATE]
- We need to take action to save our planet and I believe government needs to mandate it
- It would help the environment
- People need direction to change habits or they will continue as they are. If an education program was initiated and people were shown how changes would help improve the environment they would be more likely to change their habits.
- We should do whatever we can to reduce waste, it adds up!
- They are a waste and I always feel guilty throwing them out
- I believe that without regulation in place you will not get complete compliance.
- To make the city cleaner and prevent pollution.
- Too many businesses won't make change without intervention
- There are many other options available right now, and the city should explore them. Items like straws and plastic bags should not be allowed.
- Because I want the earth to continue being habitable
- Because we produce too much garbage
- Reduce garbage in the landfill
- Calgary has become one of the more progressive cities in Canada, and taking charge on reducing waste from single-use items will not only help to continue making Calgary a notable Canadian city and pushes the the world to follow.
- To reduce waste in landfills
- The key reducing.. but keep in mind that there is a democratic that needs plastic straws such as some physically disabled people
- I've noticed a lot of litter on the side of the road
- Everywhere a person looks on the streets you can see plastic and styrofoam garbage. I personally don't care if it stays in the cities as long as it doesn't get into the countryside. Build a wall around the city!! Keep the garbage contained! Kidding.
- We need to reduce the impact of this waste on the environment.
- This is a no brainer.. but like usual Calgary are followers and not leader. Reduce garbage and waste is a must. Nenshi chooses to ignore this and focusing on his own agenda.
- They are bad for the environment

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- All the many concerns around single use plastic - particularly environmental.
- time is up.. we need to take action NOW.. our streets are littered with plastic
- As long as its not a removal, but a change. Ex. using Tater-ware instead of styrofoam. Or start recycling all products, like styrofoam.
- The recent global warming news is very clear that o
- Reduce waste, recycle so that plastic does not end up in our oceans, lakes and drinking water supply
- We need to reduce plastic use
- We need to do our part in reducing the waste we create
- The city needs to help reduce people's reliance on single use and convenience items in order to help the environment.
- In addition to all mentioned above, there us also a point in setting the example for other Canadian cities, and also reducing the cost of garbage disposal.
- We need to eliminate unnecessary plastics for the sake of wildlife and our planet health!
- Without action, there wil never be change
- Because future generations are going to bear the brunt of our trashy ways and they don't deserve that burden.
- Environmental issues
- We should take the action down to reduce garbage because our garbage is going in the ocean.
- In a hundreds of years or more this planet could go into major extinction causing us no where to go to except if we could live on mars but we could also infect that planet. We should reduce smoke from factories and other places and try not to throw trash.
- If people try hard it is easy to remove single waste items from the home because it is gross how much waste we produce.
- there are to much garbage that can be recycled just floating around and not being recycled. Calgarians should put all of there single use items in the recycling instead of littering or in the garbage
- because all of those items end up in the landfill and everyone uses them so soon enough there will be so many landfills and they will take up so much room and our world will be filled with garbage.
- Because single use items take an extremely long time to decompose and if they build up long enough they will eventually decrease the cleanliness in our city and over all in or world. (By the way it takes 450 years for plastic to decompose.)
- Reduce waste
- it is polluting the earth and killing many animals
- It's tine to take action. Put sustainability over convenience
- we should, to reduce the amount of chemicals that plastic leaks into the ocean, soil and so much more



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- It's not hygienic or safe to have garbage polluting the ground we walk on. It's also not fair to the wildlife in the area.
- Yes I do think that the city of Calgary should take action because it will help the environment.
- we should, to reduce the amount of chemicals that plastic leaks into the ocean, soil and so much more
- yes they. should do. it because. plastic. is rising at in. oceanic. we. need to. stop it. and people. do. not. care. at. all. the. just. there. the straws. on. the. ground. and do not care. at. all . I. few. moth. a go. there. is. a bunch of. commsh
- Because if we don't do something about single-use plastics will start to pile up and take up space.
- Because it will reduce the overall garbage in our environment.
- because if we do not do anything about all this garbage that we are putting in to the landfill or landfills they will get bigger and bigger and than one day we will just be srouded by garbage .
- we can have trash in our landfills
- Because they can make their way to the ocean and kill a lot of sea creatures
- because if we don't take action now before we do it will be to late so its great that were doing something
- because animals can get hold of it and they can die or get hurt form eating all the garbage
- Simple. Because they take an eon to biodegrade.
- they should recuse single use items
- Positive impacts on the world
- start making people bring their own cups or bottle to get coffee or hot chocolate or make people get their own bag to go shoping
- No confusion. That single - used things like cups or straws or take out dishes. When people finish eating they could put in a bin for charity and charity could give to poor children that have no plates to eat on. Or cups to drink from.
- Waste management
- If we don't make active changes now, we will be sentencing all future generations to a death sentence.
- The plastic in our land and oceans in becoming overwhelming and we should take action to reduce the amount we are producing to help the world assist the envirnment.
- Unnecessary items ending up in the landfill when there are alternatives.
- Reduce items in environment and waterways. We have a good composting system that can accommodate alternatives.
- there is so much plastic packaging in almost everything we buy these days. 90% of it can't be recycled & should be.
- These items are harmful to the environment and we need to start taking better care of our land.



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- The amount of garbage produced by this single items is staggering and they not only are filling up or landfills but also contaminating our recycling when people put them in there with food/beverage in them
- They are destroying our beautiful planet and inflicting a lazy society
- Honestly this should be obvious from an environmental point of view.
- Communal accountability needs to be taken for the single use waste items produced within our city. While some individuals are making efforts, it is important that the City lead the way for those who are not adopting an environmentally friendly lifestyle.
- There are many available alternatives (i.e compostible)
- So much waste can't be recycled. Where does it all go?
- Because large institutions have some of the most power to enact change
- All packaging should, at the very least, be compostable.
- it wold be another step in helping the environment and we could keep using plastic straws and stoppers And get rid of the useless paper straws!
- Single-use plastic items are harming ocean life and should be limited and regulated.
- Our community is a leader in sustainability and needs to demonstrate that leadership.
- There are alternatives to using single use plastic that creates unnecessary garbage that does not biodegrade and decompose.
- It's important to keep the environment clean for us and for future generations.
- Results from the RCC MOU to reduce single-use plastic bags indicated retailers need gov. help to ban/reduce plastic bags, intervention is needed to get retailers to stop taking the cheapest/easiest option on items supplied to customers.
- Good habits sometimes need a push to get started. I didn't compost until we had a system and now it's easy.
- because there are so many alternatives to single use items. Starting here will help to educate people about the importance of this and hopefully help to start a faster trend to helping the environment
- Because it is a sustainable action that will benefit our planet!
- For the long term effective toniur environment
- Save wildlife and protect the earth
- Due to cross contamination it would be extremely difficult for these items to be recycled and therefore would end up in landfill forever. Unless energy recovery becomes a sustainable option these products will never die.
- In order to reduce garbage sent to landfill. Propose a bylaw to only use biodegradeable plates/items/bags
- save the earth
- It will have major impacts
- Single waste plastic accumulates and adds to the major issue of garbage in our environment
- The amount of plastic that ends up in our waterways is unacceptable.



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- Because we produce too much garbage that harms us, animals and the environment
- People come from so many backgrounds, we don't have all the information or education. I would like to see the city making changes and educating us about ways to reduce waste. Let's propose banning items
- We are killing the planet for future generations and must stop the use of plastics wherever possible
- We need to start taking action for our environment
- I think that we should do it because then there would be a lot less single use items
- yes because it is affecting our earth and the animals
- I think that we should, because we are then going to be helping the animals that are dying.
- cuz I chose yes
- so garbage bags don't go that fast.
- Single use items can only be used once, so instead of using things single times use it multiple times
- so garbage doesn't go that fast.
- because no one wants trash everywhere.
- Better for the environment. Better for our future :)
- TO PROTECT DA ANIMALS!!!!
- stop making one use plastics
- Because you can always find a way to reuse it
- I think yes because all of the garbage is harming the animals in the ocean.
- garbage is mostly put in landfills and that is not good for the environment
- because it could cause a more brighter future
- Because you can find a way to reuse it
- To protect all the animals who eat it and die, and the ocean from pollution
- because it would make less of a recycling issue in the world
- yes the reason is that there would be less pollution
- so you don't throw so many things out and litter as much
- i think we should because our world a.k.a calgary needs a change in wasting garbage out on the streets
- to respect our land and no harm or destruction.
- i think we should because our world a.k.a calgary needs a change in wasting garbage out on the streets [DUPLICATE]
- Because I want to keep the earth healthy and not live in a world where everywhere I look there is trash
- so we don't have to live on mars
- There are many alternatives to single use, but for it to make a difference it always needs to be mandated for change to occur.
- I think that if you do so, it can reduce the amount of plastic in the sea.



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- I think they should reduce it because you don't have to keep wasting every time you buy something that is plastic.
- Single use items are disgustingly wasteful and harmful to not only Calgary's environment, but environments far from Calgary that are effected by the long reach of landfills and animals impacted by harmful plastics that migrate.
- Reducing single use waste should be considered along with re-use/upcycling of plastic waste.
- Too much is not recycled, or can't be recycled because it is too small or not a recyclable material, and ends up in the landfill. Plus it takes energy, creating more greenhouse gases, to remanufacture this into something else.
- There are ways to reduce the plastic we use
- why would you not? with all the evidence to show the bad effects of plastic waste
- because we only have one earth and if we don't take action now, we are going to kill earth.
- Because we need to figure out a more sustainable way to live. Single use items, especially plastic is terrible for the environment
- Plastic is prevalent and is destroying our oceans along with microplastics being found in our food, etc.
- As a society we all need to make an effort to make a difference in waste
- This is a massive issue of our time. We must do something
- I read Calgary was one of the cleanest cities, if this is true it would be great to continue leading the path. Every bit helps and we can choose to be a part of the problem or part of the solution.
- Options are available that won't damage the environment
- There are many other options that are out there, true most are slightly more expensive but the environment is worth it and people won't notice pennies if they are purchasing a \$6+ drink. A few coffee shops in YYC use dry pasta as an alternative to stirrers
- It has to be done, let's lead the way.
- Single-use items are a great source of trash that poses a large harm to the environment for the future.
- The city of Calgary leads the citizens of the city. Set an example and help educate the masses on why this is so important.
- Less in the landfills.
- It is our responsibility as a human to take care of our planet and city.
- There are so many items that we do not need when we buy food like straws, paper inside the container, lid for your coffee when you are at the shop, all kind of extra bags, etc they never ask if I need. I do not need to generate more garbage in the world!
- Move toward zero waste
- Single use is straight up waste. Compostable or multi-use alternatives exist for the entire list below.
- Environmentally unsound to keep on using single-use items.

- To reduce environmental impact and to hold businesses/manufacturers more accountable for packaging.
- We should all do our part to reduce this kind of material in the garbage.
- We need to do more about our consumption
- Single use plastic items do not break down and cause severe environmental damage
- It seems like a relatively simple way to reduce waste, especially plastic waste which does not easily decompose in our landfills. Since these items are a small % of the total plastic waste in Canada, this should be part of a larger waste reduction plan.
- It's garbage and it will pollute the earth.
- The city is responsible for waste management, so reducing these items will save money in the long run. It is also easier for change to happen from a regulatory level rather than a few individuals trying to reduce their use of single use plastics.
- Because a lot of them are simply unnecessary
- One look at the overflowing garbage cans on Stampede parade day -- and 90% of it is Tim Horton's cups. The hordes lining up for downtown lunch, with their plastic forks and styrofoam containers. It's disgusting.
- There is a tremendous amount of unnecessary waste and I think efforts are needed to reduce waste. Just one fast food meal produces an enormous amount of garbage.
- We've been making an effort to reduce every day plastic items as a household. Things like plastic bags have become associated with good customer services and are get offered even without people having a need. - Do you need a bag for your pack of gum?
- The more we have this conversation, the more it becomes a habit/way of life. We need to do these things so people are more conscious of their impact the impact to the environment - daily.
- Because is pouluting the city ,and going tothe landfill,Plastic will last for a long time.
- plastic is, essentially forever. Effort needs to be put into the reduction, not the reuse or recycling.
- They are not good for the ecosystem.
- I believe in reducing waste
- It is our duty as citizens to protect our environment, and also making the city cleaner will be good for tourism etc.
- If we want to be a world class city we need to do more than just recycle and compost (while great steps I don't see a lot of Calgarians understanding the reduce concept).
- Because it is bad for the earth and taking action is the only way to change it. It will prevent or city from looking messy and will reduce the cost associated with the landfill.
- Yes. To
- So less garbage would end up in our landfills. And garbage will not pollute the sea.
- Why wouldn't you?
- Wasteful, unnecessary & uncharacteristic of Calgary's values
- If the city doesn't require changes companies will not make a change.



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- Better for the environment
- City should do something but cost should not pass to residents
- Because it is necessary to our future on this planet. We are choking on it, and so are our fish and wildlife.
- i want to live in a city that takes care of it's citizens and environment...
- Single-use items (especially single-use plastics) are unnecessary, in most cases. There are many reusable alternatives, that people would use if they had no other choice. A ban on single-use plastics would be a great place to start!
- Single use items is unnecessary. They are bad for the environment and Calgary need to take steps to reduce plastic waste.
- Yes. Single use items are unsustainable, clogging our landfills, polluting our environment, contaminating our waterways. This must stop for the sake of our future and our children's futures.
- To reduce the amount of waste in our landfills
- The City of Calgary needs to work on more sustainable closed loop waste management systems. Single use items should be phased out.
- We owe a duty to the world
- There is a disgusting amount of plastic and single use items. It's so hard to go places that offer low waste alternatives and it's definitely something that has to change. I believe we can dramatically reduce our waste, what else did people do back then?
- There are enough options available with recyclable materials to replace some single use items.
- Because it s a real big environment issue
- Too much small litter in the streets
- The environment is important
- I believe everywhere else has taken the steps to do so and that Calgary is behind. We need to save our planet. All of the single use items can be easily sealed with reusable cloth bags, metal straws, coffee thermos, metallic sporks, ect
- Municipalities, cities, provinces need to take a more prominent role in helping reduce the waste citizens create
- The global waste epidemic is reaching scary levels. Calgary has always been a leader and a pioneer and this should be no different
- Will help reduce plastic waste
- Calgary is a large city, with a large influence, by making this change we are demonstrating how easy it is to make the change, and hopefully encourage other cities as well.
- Because! Environment, for one. We can do so much better, but people need to be educated.
- Single use items are seen laying around the city and are not probably disposed of because of the fact they are single use. Reusable items are more sustainable and less likely to be trashed.
- They are unnecessary
- The volume is huge and use based mostly on habit and very little need or true convenience.



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- I think we should all be doing our part to reduce our waste as much as possible. The city included.
- Destroying the planet
- Reduce pollution by getting rid of unnecessary items
- In this day and age, there is no reason for such waste when these items can easily be replaced with more sustainable materials and the city can lead the way with making this significant change!
- Do our part to limit environmental impact of plastic products. We are already behind other cities in Canada and the US on this front.
- it's important to provide citizens and business the resources to become more eco friendly
- To reduce environmental and health impacts. Plus to provide more raw material for composting and keep all public areas cleaner.
- It's vital to the planet and the city
- Unnecessary landfill usage, items such as plastic bags, bottles end up in our water and caused harm or death to birds, fish.
- The City of Calgary should take actions to reduce garbage from single-use items in order to make our environment clean and healthy for better sustainability. They want to support and conserve our planet by reducing the waste completely to zero.
- So wasteful
- We need to reduce waste and hold businesses and people accountable.
- If these items were not available we would be forced to change our habits
- It costs the city a lot to haul the single use items disposed in public bins.
- The items need not be single-use. More plastic for the blue box! Encourage multiple use if possible or change materials construction of the product itself to recycled content or different resin.
- Too much plastic disposed of
- Reduce the amount of non-organic / non-biodegradable garbage in landfills. Reduce environmental cost of producing single use items.
- These items are not necessary (convenient yes, but not a must). They make a significant part of the waste that ends up in the landfills.
- we need to be environmentally friendly!
- The garbage produced from single use plastic remains in the world for lifespans, infiltrating waterways, ecosystems and ultimately human health. Starting at the beginning of the cycle of plastic reduces this impact.
- These unnecessary products contaminate our soil and water and the toxic chemicals in plastic enter the food chain. They damage our nervous systems, lungs and reproductive organs and they kill animals who eat, are choked by, and trapped by these materials.
- yes we should - there is far too much single use waste items. we should reduce some by using compostable items or reusable items.

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- For all the reasons listed above that would help the City of Calgary and its citizens. Also, it would be a step in the right direction to thinking of whole product lifecycles and how this can positively help the environment & change our culture of waste
- To reduce our consumption of these products that are often times not disposed of in trash or recycle bins. This will help keep our city clean, and prevent any more serious environmental consequences from happening.
- The amount of single use products that are being produced and used are sickeningly high. If people received education around the damage that is doing to the earth NOW, and then also provided with easy alternatives we can make a change!
- Yes we need to reduce waste!
- Always good to reduce our impact as much as possible.
- The city should be creating new ideas/innovations to reduce waste.
- Over abundance of waste that could be reduced if we strategically planned to EDUCATE and CORRECT current wasteful habits and implement recycling measures to make a difference going forward.
- environment
- Needs some form of action by law wise
- Many items are easily replaced with reusable or compostable items
- Regulation is the first step in reducing plastic dependency and waste
- We need to reduce our waste. Single use items are convenient but not worth it for the long term consequences and damage they are doing to the earth.
- To reduce our negative impact on the environment.
- Everyone needs to do their part to save the environment from further destruction. Every little thing helps so even the smallest of actions can make a big difference. It can also influence a culture change in the long run in how we think about garbage.
- The little things add up. Reducing these single-use items would decrease the number of items that go into our landfills. The more we can do to reduce our footprint and what we leave behind, the better for future Calgarians and the planet in general.
- I feel that taking action will benefit the environment
- Plastic is ruining many ecologies here in Calgary and further. Action must be taken now by governing bodies to develop policies and force large corporations to find alternatives to single use plastic.
- Because it's unnecessary to have them in the first place. The convenience of single-use has gotten to far and has impacted marine life and their environments the most. It really comes full circle as it ends up in our diets which can cause illnesses.
- Single use plastics are completely unnecessary and do great harm to the environment. There are better alternatives available and the only way to fix global warming is by taking action and being a leader in this movement.



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- It is important that The City of Calgary does all that it can to insure it's citizens a healthy environment - initiating a plan such as this would be a way to do so.
- Because they're extremely harmful to the environment.
- It's terrible for the environment and although people can individually do their part to reduce it makes a bigger impact if a city can step in
- We are destroying the planet with single use waste that is difficult to decompose.
- We have to become more conscious of our impact on the planet. We cannot be ignorant any longer. Let's take action and help our earth stay healthy for the future.
- It is time to reduce our impact before our planet becomes barely habitable for future generations. We have to act now!
- Plastics and single use items take years to breakdown in the landfill. Not one that it ends up in our water system and eventually our eco systems destroying our environment and oceans.
- We need to ensure that our city ensures the future generations are living in a green and healthy environment.
- Calgary can continue to provide and expand recycling services to keep the recyclable single use items as viable functional and economic choices for families in Calgary. Banning these products will not effectively deal with root causes of litter & pollution
- These items often end up as litter and go into the waterways to the ocean. Most are unnecessary.
- to help reduce garbage from single use items
- Some items are needless, though outright bans are not a good idea. Opt-in and pay-for-use seem like good options. Revenue should be put toward recycling infrastructure.
- It's not going to solve the world's problems, but it's better than nothing. Need to get third world countries on board for any hope of reducing the overwhelming amount of plastic that ends up in our oceans.
- Single use items should be eliminated from use or allowed to be used if adequate recycling options exist.
- Seems like if we make it a city wide initiative then we can make a difference!
- Do Not need plastic straws! Just drink from your travel mug which already has a lid on it. Take out food co [DUPLICATE]
- Do Not need plastic straws! Just drink from your travel mug which already has a lid on it. Take out food containers should be paper so can be recycled. Shopping bags should be reusable material bags.
- The effects on the earth are not worth it
- Because we all need to think of sustainability in everything that we do in order to ensure a continued pleasant existence on the planet.
- To help the landfill
- Sustainability

- Single use items offer convenience so people are often not encouraged to find alternatives to single use items. Reduce is the first of the three 'Rs' and is very important
- Because plastics are getting into water, animals and humans and causing great harm. It is a direct issue caused by humans that needs to be fixed by humans.
- We need leadership to make the changes required to help our planet. Locally in our City would be a good start.
- Take out containers need not be plastic. They could be compostable. The amount of waste going to landfills is crazy. Everytime you order food to eat in your home they always send plastic cutlery when clearly we all have real cutlery at home.
- One use plastic bags are completely unnecessary.
- The City runs the municipality's waste management program. The City needs to take environmental stewardship. The City, as a large employer, likely purchases a lot of single use products.
- I read a New York times article that indicated that Calgary was sending recyclables to China, and when China refused to keep accepting them, they have been stockpiled in shipping containers! Recycling is no longer a viable solution.
- Absolutely!!! Recycling is not the answer to a healthy planet but waste reduction is the right step.
- For the common good
- For the common good and to lead by example
- We need shift away from such a wasteful culture.
- To preserve our environment
- We need to lessen our impact on the environment
- We need a sustainable plan that is both built into how we function as a city, but also promotes individual action
- A
- Will reduce waste in our landfills.
- Plastics are valuable materials and facilities need to be made more available to redirect plastics away from landfill.
- Protect our home, earth.
- Because they are accumulating in the landfills at a fast rate and we will all benefit if there is less plastic garbage.
- Yes, reusable options exist, so there is no need for single use items.
- Until companies are responsible for cleaning up the waste they generate, the public needs to address single use waste. We need to remove it from our consumption habits completely.
- Landfills are expensive to build & maintain. For many items, they're not the best solution to disposal. CAVEAT: No bans! Bans lead to alt've behaviour, which in many cases is worse. eg. plastic bags get replaced with paper bags, which are env. worse!



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- Almost everything in a grocery store is a single use item. A can contains an item, you use it and toss it. Are we banning cans as well? People could bring their own cups and carry utensils with them. Bigger questions what new world could we create?
- This should be done for materials that are not recycable to reduce landfill waste
- If we take care of the environment now, future generations will not suffer
- Because they are terrible for the environment and it's not sustainable
- Because it's our responsibility to make sustainable choices
- Because leaders need to enforce these rules otherwise only few will take action
- To reduce the waste and protect the environment
- Absolutely. These items can not be easily recycled and most are not compostable. They aren't going to biodegrade for a long long time. It is wrong to saddle our kids' kids with our lazy actions.
- Absolutely yes. These items are too small to recycle and will sit in landfills for years, contributing to the toxic stew that's already there. It's wrong that our 5-30 second usage of such items creates permanent imprint.
- save environment
- There are biodegradable options available.
- We go through sooo much waste in this city from things like straws and plastic bags. It's tragic to see the amount of plastic going into our landfill and littering the streets. We can do better!
- Plastic is a disease. But fr save the ocean please
- We should be reducing our waste to help the next generation have a sustainable planet
- It's time we address this important issue and join the global movement.
- Consumers can choose to buy items with less waste, but there are not always options. If there were regulations on buisness/commerce regarding single use items giving consumers more choice, consumers would make better choices for the environment.
- Reduce contamination of our recycled and composted materials
- If regulations were in place to make single use items compostable, there would be much less waste. Sometimes single use items are necessary.
- Reducing waste and forming better environmentally-friendly practices are crucial.
- What a mess of garbage we are leaving behind. Some of it will never ever decompose.
- I think we can do better in recycling, knowing what we can or cannot put in recycling.
 - the island of plastic in the ocean
- Some businesses have adopted alternatives to single use plastics while others have not. Support from the local level will be helpful.
- Single use plastics can have severe negative impacts for the ocean and wildlife. The city could initiate a program to inform people about the impacts of plastic and provide options for businesses to reduce their impact (e.g. reusable takeout containers).

- we need the government to take a stance on these topics, their decision making would trickle down to the business owners/or offer incentives to those businesses that reduce their use from single-use items,
- Single use items are a waste in every way. Why spend so much energy and money to then throw it out. And don't let me get started on what it does to our environment.
- protecting the environment has to start somewhere! let Calgary lead the way.
- legislation is required for this to happen. Not all at once. Start with plastic bags. Would be a huge impact! Other cities have done it, why haven't we?? Sometimes people won't change until they have the wasteful single use bags removed as an option!
- I believe in an eco friendly future and reducing non-reusable waste is a huge part of that. Having less items headed to the landfill will help us use the same space for garbage longer and lessen the need to create or expand landfills.
- Much of it is easily replaced with compostable items
- Really? Where are we going to put this garbage? How is it impacting our environment, the animals that we share our planet with? Let's think about the future instead of holding onto the past.
- Can't hurt.
- To reduce waste, and become more creative in what we use to make single use items.
- Single use items that are actually compostable are completely acceptable imo.
- In a city of a million plus population, it would make a tremendous impact on our environment.
- Our earth is completely dependent upon us taking charge and cleaning up our own mess.
- These items are easily replaced by something easily recyclable or biodegradable. Liquids under 2 litres should have been included.
- There are many reusable/recyclable/ compostable options available. More people will use them if they are required to
- They add costs for business and consumers and the City in terms of waste management.
- We have become a disposable society without realizing the consequences of our choices. We do not need plastic bags, disposable straws, etc. Because Calgary is always the one to lag behind others, it's time we stand up for our planet & force the issue.
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- Reducing consumption is environmentally responsible and promotes innovation to source better materials that are environmentally friendly.
- Too much is being sent to the land fill.
- Plastics break down and pollute our rivers and soils. Both the IPCC and World Wildlife Fund have released reports conveying the urgency there is for taking immediate action, and reducing plastic use is one key action they recommend.



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- As Calgary continues to grow, it is vital to be aware of the amount of garbage we create. Reducing the current amount would be beneficial because it supports a system where there is less material input therefore less to recycle and to trash altogether
- Because it will reduce garbage and is easy for people to adapt to. I also believe most litter is single use items
- I think that it is time that Calgary meets the other larger cities in Canada with their initiatives to reduce waste and specifically plastic waste
- Absolutely! Very important to work towards environmentally friendly and sustainable practice.
- I think without a city wide strategy and rules a reduction in single use plastics won't happen on a large scale
- Both households and businesses need a push to reduce these items. Transition is seldom easy but these products are damaging our environment and are not necessary.
- There are so many other options available rather than a single use item. The amount of garbage that is created by single use items is ridiculous. For take out containers they should make them compostable mandatory. People's own containers could be gro
- We need to continue to improve waste reduction and support environmental initiatives. I would like to see increasing reduction in items that don't belong to either recycling or composting. However, we need sustainable, affordable alternative solutions.
- Environmental impact, cost
- It's unnecessary waste. People are lazy. If we don't give people a chance to use plastic, they won't.
- The city has had many efforts already put in place to deal with garbage. To put requirements on single use items would be a good next step for lowering the city's environmental impact.
- Alternatives are available, lets push for those
- The most livable city needs to be more sustainable.
- To force people to wash multiple-use items instead of using single-use items at home on an everyday basis.
- I care about the environment and the cumulative negative effects of plastics and other non-compostable materials on wildlife.
- Single use items are very wasteful. Everything should be used more than once. It never hurts to use less.
- I think there are particular methods that can be taken to not impair or inhibit daily life of citizens while being able to positively impact the environment. By implementing methods that have a neutral-beneficial relationship, why not take it?
- Plastics take forever to decompose
- We need leadership from the City to help citizens reduce use of single-use items.
- Municipal action may force businesses and corporations into more environmentally friendly practices - vastly more impactful than individual civilian action.
- Many of these items have recyclable or compostable alternatives so we don't need to keep using options which fill up the landfill.



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- It is hard to break habit, so for the most people to get involved it should come from the top down.
- We only have one planet to live on and it isn't looking good right now. Anything helps!
- There is way too much waste in the world let alone single use in big cities like CALGARY.
- The single use plastics are wasteful and unnecessary. There are better more environmentally conscious alternatives.
- It's a simple measure to reduce waste. The amount we put into our landfills is still insanely high compared to what it can be.
- Most of the time the single use plastic is unnecessary, and does not encourage better habits.
- Single use items are a persistent environmental challenge as litter and as collected waste, they are not recyclable.
- The cost outweighs the benefits. It takes so much energy for the production and delivery of the product for it to only be used for a few minutes. So wasteful!
- Because we waste too much and we should be able to find many solutions easily
- Waste
- Waste management falls within the city's scope of responsibility (ie provincial and federal governments likely won't take a stance on this issue). I care about the environment, and sustainability and would like say that I'm proud of our city's stance.
- Environmental impact. Creation of industry that manufactures biodegradable containers
- Single use items waste resources used to manufacture and ship single use items leading to higher GHG emissions, a culture of instant gratification and pollute ecosystems
- As loss of global biodiversity reaches mass extinction rates, it is the responsibility of Canadians to show that Canada is ready for the fight against excess pollution and climate change!
- I
- They are a wasteful product that people do not care about and often you will see them littering the streets. It's wasteful.
- It's important to consider our environmental impact. In today's age, there are so many reusable alternatives.
- Current research shows that poor sustainability practices are going to lead to terrible lives for our children.
- If we are forever to
- Single use plastics are unnecessary and a massive source of waste. Biodegradable alternatives are widely available some temporary subsidies should be enacted if their use is too expensive for some business during the transition.
- Some enormous quick wins by educating/encouraging vendors and restaurants on the impact they could have!
- It's important for all of us to review our impact on the environment. If reducing garbage from single-use items has a net positive impact on the environment it is something we should pursue. Doing something that "looks good" but is ineffective is concern.

- We can and should reduce our waste to support the environment. There are green options for all of the above. The only item we should be cognizant about is straws- these can be very beneficial for people with disabilities so environmentally friendly options
- I think it's essential that we reduce the toll on landfills.
- These objects are difficult to recycle and stay in landfills almost permanently
- All actions are helpful in reducing our environmental impact
- They are used out of convenience so there needs to be incentives or regulations to reduce their use
- Single use items create too much garbage and are detrimental to the environment. I want a clean earth for my children and grandkids.
- K
- To reduce the environmental impact of our city and help people to create new patterns that don't require single use items.
- Bad for the environment and avoidable
- I feel it's important to reduce our environmental impact and measures enacted at the municipal level will be more far-reaching than anything I can do individually.
- Banning single-use plastics is one of the relatively easiest, most achievable strategies communities can adopt to reduce the mounting ecological catastrophe that is being caused by these plastics.
- We are already so behind, these items are killing our oceans. We can't rely on people opting to use better items because many people won't unless they are forced.
- Because disposable waste is at an all time high and most of it is preventable from ending up in the landfill
- These items cannot be disposed through our current recycling program and make up most of my garbage disposal.
- Single use plastics are not vital to our health, and not a necessity. These plastics create and IMMENSE amount of extra waste because they can not be recycled!
- It is important to set a presidents and encourage other to follow
- It is good for the environment.
- yes there is too much single use items, especially plastic!
- Environmental reasons and also to set a new norm for the next generation.
- These items have such an environmental impact and are causes of waste and pollution.
- Single use plastic is something that there are a lot of simple solutions to reduce we as a collective have just become lazy. It's not impossible so why not try
- Harmful to our environment. We are trading the health of our Earth for convenience.
- For a green future
- the city should lead the change in reducing single use items. Events organised by the city councils can serve as an example of how single-used items can be replaced, eg. not providing bottled water/disposable utensils, asking participants to buy their own



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- People seem to think that one person reducing waste isn't going to save the world. It's not. We have to come together as a city to make this change happen.
- Because if there is no mandate, it won't happen. Everyone needs to become accountable.
- Single use items are often unnecessary and harm our environment
- Essential for wildlife welfare
- They're often unnecessary and harm our environment.
- People are starting to come around re significant environmental change needed; help force the change, we need structure and leadership; consumers will adjust more easily than businesses
- This is the only planet we have. While this isn't quite as good as if we all stopped driving cars, this could still have a wonderful impact. And this city can lead by example and multiply the effect.
- It is obvious that we must producing so much waste that damages iur planet. Thaqe city can save money on public wadte collection.
- These items are easily replaced by reusable items and do not need to end up in our landfills!
- Calgarians should be better stewards for the environment. We produce one use plastics for the purpose of convenience, but don't consider the long term impacts it has on the environment. Takening action now, will better the future for everyone.
- It's long overdue. I truly value the most recent example of municipal support for waste reduction: green bins. As someone who composted before, the benefit of the green bit has blown my mind! It makes me proud to be in Calgary!
- The earth matters
- I literally can't even think of a reason why we shouldn't discourage single-use items!
- how the way to control the use of it
- make up such a big part of city's garbage, every day item for many people.
- Single use things are so wasteful! If our city could take steps towards eliminating them it would contribute positively toeards global waste reduction, and raise a lot of awareness about waste in general.
- To help introduce change within certain industries and consumers.
- So bad for the environment
- because we are facing a climate genocide in the next 40-60 years according to the UN.
- We should all come together and do or think of anything possible to help reduce our footprint
- garbage waste have increased in recent year because plastics have more lifespan to be discomposed and they need to be further worked on, exploring new materials which could decompose making environment sustainable. [personal information removed]
- Contamination and so called single-use items are not taxed enough to justify their real cost.
- Our planet cannot continue to host us if we don't take an active approach to plastic waste reduction.
- Landfills are filling up, garbage such as napkins and single use cutlery make its way into the streets and ecosystems. Emissions to produce the plastic are harmful.



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- We need to reduce our waste and especially plastic waste. We have become a very wasteful society here in North America.
- Yes. Everything should be fully recyclable or biodegradable
- yes
- Garbage is a major component of pollution to the environment. The City of Calgary can forbid the use of plastic bags in stores, impose fine to people who are not recycling and are generating garbage beyond 1 cart per 2 weeks. Only recyclable disposable cup
- Because it is 2018, get with the times, be a leader, single use products should be compostable or nothing at all.
- They are major pollutants whose damage far outweighs any benefit
- So many things could be replaced easily and have a large impact altogether.
- Reduce Landfills, reduce costs of waste management, practice recycling more
- Reminder to all of us of ways we can change our disposable habits
- The amount of waste that is sent to the landfill can be greatly reduced with the elimination of these items
- Yes they should put laws in place regarding single use items and challenge businesses etc to be more sustainable
- I believe they should because in my everyday living I have noticed single use items that I can not dispose of properly. I'm an undergrad engineering student and I've felt tasked in creating a extra disposable section at home for items that are single use
- If the city by in large makes an effort to reduce our footprint it can make big waves in cleaning up the environmental affect we've had.
- I care about our Environnement
- Because it's a relatively simple change that can make a world of difference to the environment. People are wasteful when it's easy to use disposable items. If they're unavailable, or are at least made biodegradable, significantly less waste will be made
- Yes, let's make these changes and hold people accountable. Make bringing mesh grocery store bags a must. Only offer 2 paper bags at a time. If there is no supply, the demand will go down. Focus on biodegradable options. No one will die without a stir stick
- Nothing will change unless people are forced through bylaws.
- We don't need to use plastic when we have alternatives.
- Save the environment!!
- Yes because we need to take action where the industry don't
- We only have one world and that world is being overrun by plastics. If we can reduce the amount of plastic garbage filling our landfill we can significantly reduce the lasting impact we have on our planet.
- So wasteful



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- Because plastic items are not biodegradable and will not break down in landfills or in oceans. We do not NEED single-use items, and systemic and policy changes will vastly reduce consumption of these items.
- Single use items are a strain on our environment and lead to unnecessary waste
- The lead to extra waste unnecessarily ending up in landfills when a reusable alternative could be substituted.
- Many single use items can be recycled or done without!
- It would reduce the amount of garbage going into landfills, and help decrease the emissions associated to creating new plastic products!
- I think it's important to reduce our impact on the environment in sustainable ways. I think biodegradable options that can be composted are a good way to reduce items that are harder to live without (i.e. take out containers and beverage cups).
- Reducing the use of single use items can greatly help the world. Stopping production as well as disposal will save millions of human and animal lives in the future. Protecting our earth is very important, it's the only one we have!
- Single use plastic is a serious environmental
- Since use plastics are a serious environmental problem that will only be phased out in packaging, etc if pressure comes from large organizations and the community.
- If you could eliminate plastic straws and use a paper straw that could be recycled and cut the impact on landfill and either have them recycled or composted.
- There are so many more options to replace single-use it's that should be used instead
- Because its a global issue. It harms tbemarine life and the overall environment.
- Sure why not
- I have children that need us to leave a healthy planet for them after we're gone. We can all do better that we have been. This needs to happen ASAP. I was ready years ago to do without these items. People will adjust.
- The population of CALGARY is more than enough to make a change. I also believe we have enough culture herr for people to care and follow through.
- It's about time!
- It's too easy and convenient to make garbage without consideration. Bring a mug, use a compostable plate, invest in paper straws. The waste is out of control and unnecessary. We got used to it; we can get unused to it.
- Single use plastic is a huge concern worldwide and we should reduce our use of them as rich, North Americans who can afford other options
- Obvious
- It would significantly cut down on the amount of waste produced and allow for more eco-friendly items to replace it. The plant is dying and we all need to do our part!
- The earth gives so much to humans. Calgary as a city should give back to our earth by keeping it healthy.



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- Save resources
- Because it lasts forever. It's a matter of taking the future of the planet seriously. It's hard to avoid single-use plastics. Upstream policies for businesses are needed to limit single-use items.
- It is important to reduce our environmental impact and keep the city clean
- You need to ask??
- We can make a big difference to landfills and production emissions
- Compostable versions of these items can be sent to the successful composting program. There are viable alternatives to single use disposable items.
- The longevity of our landfills
- Yes, with the recent emergence of the UN climate change report, action is vital to the health of our planet in the next 10 years
- single use items are bad for the environment
- Yes!!! The amount of trash we create is unacceptable. With education and a few easy swaps we can easily reduce the amount of single-use items clogging our landfills and waterways.
- Waste is a problem geographically, and we can do better using compostable materials and coming up with better strategies to tackle this issue.
- Better for the environment!
- We need to change our wasteful habits by moving away from disposable products.
- It's important.
- These items are terrible for the environment!
- They need to provide a proper disposal of recyclable items as well as commercial composting sites
- Single-use items are senseless yet they are causing such destructive problems
- Reduction in garbage is essential. Many single use items can be replaced with compostable items. Note: plastic cotton buds needs to be added to the list - we should only have the cardboard compostable ones.
- Important for the environment.
- So we don't all die and destroy the planet.
- Single use plastic is a hazard to the environment and wildlife. The manufacturing alone has a huge negative environmental impact and it's all for convenience. We need to lead by example and look toward the future.
- Because single use items are wasteful and replaceable with multi use or biodegradable items.
- Too many single use items that end up in landfill and take years to degrade.
- Not only is there a lot of litter from single use items, they un-necessarily use valuable resources
- Legislation is the boost we need to do what we think should be done
- I think it depends on the items, but overall a reduction in some single-use items is better than no effort on the city's part at all. I believe it is important start some kind of movement to reduce waste and become more environmentally friendly.



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- Reduce the waste produced by humans, lowering the amount of waste that goes to landfills and garbage and waste that may not make it there. Decreases resources used to make these materials as well as pollution created in their production.
- Single use plastics pose a significant risk of environmental harm (namely to aquatic ecosystems), similar to potentially harmful and toxic chemicals, and therefore require regulation. The government needs to take responsibility to lead the way and regulate
- There's only one earth
- So much goes into our landfills and it would be great if we could reduce that
- There is so much ridiculous waste. If folks carried around a cup/water bottle we'd cut down on so much litter and garbage.
- Too much litter and unnecessary waste.
- Individuals can only do so much, government needs to set the tone for waste prevention.
- Single use items (eg. Straws, plates, cutlery, cups are huge source of garbage/recycling, that aren't always handled properly. With stricter regulations and a program designed to help reduce this we are doing our part to save our planet.
- Reduce waste disposal costs and utilize our natural resources more efficiently.
- It's time to make a significant effort to reduce or eliminate single use plastic. The convenience is not worth the waste that is generated. I have eliminated most single use plastics from my life by being organized and creating good habits.
- They are a waste of raw resources and cause widespread litter
- Because it's wasteful
- Single use items are incredibly wasteful
- Because there's no point in being wasteful when we have the option not to be.
- Environmental pollution
- We have too much garbage
- We have the resources to set an example for other large cities to reduce our one use plastics and we need to move away from conveniences and move towards more mindful practices.
- Best for the environment
- Items cost tax payers money to dispose of. Unlike bottles and cans there's no levy or deposit to fund the disposal so the true cost is transferred to the tax payer instead of the consumer. Most companies will not make a change without legislation.
- There is so much wastage with items that could be easily replaced with reusable items that function the same purpose.
- There's better options
- Working downtown during the week, you see so much waste every day from single use items! Especially coffee cups and plastic lids! It's mind blowing. The City should work towards reduction strategies aimed toward overall waste reduction.
- Municipalities have power over the way business and waste management policy is enforced.

- We need to think about our future and anything that takes 500 years to decompose is harmful.
- Yes, incentive for city to get involved to improve recycling efforts.
- Yes engage public on three R's reduce reuse and recycle to achieve the best environmental performance and allow residents to make choices on all 3 R's .
- Climate change needs to be addressed aggressively at all levels of governance. Our time is running out to make the changes we need to stop the worst consequences of climate change.
- To help the environment
- The world is a special place we call home. We need to take care of it and reduce our impact not only for people but the animals we share this space with. We are a large city and we should be able to come up with ideas to help.
- We have the opportunity to lead the way among Canadian cities and demonstrate a commitment to sustainability.
- No excuse not to. The future of our planet depends on every small action we take today. If it's easy, why wouldn't we. Every bit counts.
- It is very wasteful and uses up our resources.
- Yes! All
- Because I'm tired of seeing items like these in Fish Creek park and along roads and trails.
- We need to actively take steps towards reducing our waste.
- Waste, landfill capacity, recycling system capacity, green house gas footprint, unchecked consumerism. all negative consequences of single use plastics.
- it is a waste to throw individual items in the garbage (just too many items like this)
- Every bit helps. Save the planet before it's titally too late!
- Save the planet before it's totally too late!! Every bit counts.
- Yes, in partnership with businesses that use these items
- There's a lot of thoughtless, needless waste
- It just makes sense
- Our recycling program is not enough. I heard that okotoks recycles everything!!!
- Many are items we can live without. The oceans are crying out for help.. and China does not even take them anymore.
- It is a big, but complex problem. There is a problem with fad solutions that don't actually address the problem
- Because plastic is creating an uninhabitable planet. It is up to governments to protect society. Even if not enough people understand or know about how plastics are destroying our environment, the government must work to protect us by protecting the planet
- I can never remember which bin some of this stuff goes in. This would make it very easy!
- The preservation of our environment depends on us taking action to reduce waste.
- Action in the form of awareness at the least



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- With the vast use of these products in our lives over years we should be thinking of ways to cut back, change what we use, or implement better rules and regulation to better manage the issue of plastics and recyclables in our environment
- Because single use items for the most part are so unnecessary.
- One person makes a difference. If an entire community is working towards change, the impact could be tremendously beneficial to our planet. We need to be good stewards. God gave us this planet and we should care for it because it is our responsibility.
- Because it's a responsibility of big cities. It's time we own up to our super-consumerism and make a change in our daily habits.
- We need to protect the environment. Especially delicate ecosystems like the ocean. These single use products are used once and then are around for hundreds sometimes thousands of years.
- Single use consumables (not including medical) creates too much garbage and is unnecessary
- To protect our only home, the Earth.
- Good for the environment
- Because we have the ability to do better and educate ourselves to help minimize our footprint.
- People already produce so much waste that it is important we reduce our waste production in any way possible.
- It's everywhere and we should be more accountable as businesses and consumers.
- Very wasteful and bad for the planet. Generally these tools are not needed and can easily be replaced with reusable products.
- Current model is unsustainable
- Yes, because we need to reduce the build up of these items in our environment to support the eco systems and future growth.
- We all have a responsibility!
- Too much waste
- I think single use options are becoming something we don't need anymore. They contribute to so much waste and can be replaced by multi-use options or more environmentally friendly options. It's where the world is heading... keep up.
- This is important to reduce our impact on the environment and preserve our world.
- Yes because we are coming to an age where people have to stop becoming so lazy and relying heavily on convenience. If you bring your own cup from home instead of receiving a disposable one, not only are you saving the environment but money for costs.
- Damage to the environment. Also I believe people use or take a lot of these items without thought. We are often handed many of these items without thought and then they are thrown in the trash. In particular plastic utensils Also bags and tissue paper.
- Delivery services, takeaway, packaging on consumer items are increasingly wasteful. We must preserve our environment for future generations. Please ban as many single use items as possible, people will not shift otherwise. See 5 worst plastic polluters



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- single use items are wasteful and promote a culture of carelessness.
- It's our responsibility to take action to reduce the waste generated in the city
- Because the world is dying and I believe people need a law in place to get the message.
- because there is no Planet B
- Harmful to environment. Calgary can set an example
- the environment!
- Of course considering Canada is one of the most wasteful countries we need to take action and Calgary is a great city to start this considering the other provinces have such a poor view on Alberta we should step up
- If there are greener options we should be encouraged to use them.
- Canadian retailers just don't seem to be initiating the switch to reduce single waste items on their own. I've seen other companies around the world make the switch, but our abundant resources and convenience lifestyle seem to slow us down on the changes.
- There is no need to continue using single-use items, when there are viable alternatives. If single use is a must, it should and can be compostable or recyclable.
- I think as a community we need to take steps that continue to reduce our negative impact on the environment. We already know the devastating impact of single use plastic. Convenience is not worth continuing to destroy the planet.
- Single use plastic is unnecessary in this day and age
- Dependant on the type of container or item types that are one time use if it is the compostable type it should be allowed and more compost bins should be supplied to dispose of.
- Too wasteful and sustainable alternatives are available with a tiny bit of planning ahead
- long term environment impact
- Not necessarily with a bit of pre planning by business and consumer
- It is vital to the sustainability of our planet to stop using disposables and reduce single use plastic consumption.
- Important issue businesses are not likely to consistently care about
- The environment needs it
- The city population keeps growing but our landfills do not.
- Single packaging is the biggest cause of garbage in water ways, parks and across the world. We need to start doing our part as we won't have a beautiful planet to live on much longer.
- It is a global problem, and small steps make a large impact.
- Using these items is engrained, convenient behaviour that people are not changing at the rate necessary to protect our environment. Government needs to step in to enact change.
- There are simple ways to being the implementation of this and promoting it just isn't enough anymore.
- This is an unnecessary waste of often finite materials!
- save the environment



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- Reduce waste - care for the Earth
- Plastic isn't necessary, we need to take it out of our daily equation
- To help the environment
- First, The City should lead by example in the ICI sector by making commitments to reduce single use items in its own operations and purchases. This is before rolling this out to the business community, and to the citizens after that.
- The most effective way to benefit all aspects of the environment is to reuse items. Less energy used & less pollution created to make more items or recycle them. Less junk ends up in the environment where it harms animals & contaminates natural resources.
- We are too caught up on "easy" and "fast" - we don't take the time to consider the repercussions of our actions.
- Our society's overuse of single-use items is causing an environmental nightmare
- I imagine single use item waste creates more waste than many other forms of garbage. Not to mention the energy expelled to produce these single use items.
- We should be doing more to reduce our impact, there are great alternatives to single use items that are better for the environment
- Ocean and land waste contribute to animal and plant poisoning.
- Plastics are so bad for the environment. The making of them as well as disposing of them. single use items are so wasteful.
- We all have a responsibility to protect our resources and our planet. Single use items are a huge waste of our resources and a tremendous strain on our planet. City of Calgary should be looking for ways to reduce waste going to the landfills.
- We don't need it, it just allows laziness the city should not allow companies to provide single use items that most of us don't even use all of have a drawer full of plastic spoons and forks
- It's an easy fix to help save our planet.
- It's an easy fix to help save our planet. [DUPLICATE]
- Because reduction in items to the landfill is beneficial to citizens.
- Most people don't understand how/feel accountable to do some simple reductions could make a large and positive impact.
- It is important to sustain resources for future generations and to keep our planet habitable.
- Better options
- Because we can no longer ignore the impact our trash is making on the environment.
- There are better options available outside of single use plastics, and why not reduce single use items where possible?
- Overwhelming amount of garbage and debris that harms the natural environment in many ways. Plastic is now found to be being ingested by humans. Can't see that that's a good thing based on the destruction of wild species globally.
- too much garbage that doesn't compost



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- irresponsible use of resource
- Foolish not to contribute to environmental clean up. General public aren't doing it
- Somebody has to oversee a responsible action. Recycling seems to be a bit of a wash. Don't allow the product if it can't "disappear" back into the earth as a positive entity.
- Go green!
- Because it's killing animals and getting into our food and water system
- Single use plastics is a relatively simple step we can take as a City to reduce this horrible and long lasting impact on the environment.
- Cost efficiency, less trash
- I
- To reduce our carbon foot print.
- Surcharges for single use items / discounts if you bring your own are simple to implement, but may have limited behavior change as a result. A more comprehensive strategy is needed.
- To Reduce waste. There is a serious plastic problem and it's time to do something about it.
- Let's join the FRONT of the pack, not limp behind. We only have 1 planet
- Because it is so easy to shift to not using single use items if they are not offered. We can re-train our behaviour if there is support from the city
- I feel that the world is, albeit slowly, becoming aware of the dangers of this. We need to be pioneers in protecting our planet.
- It's shameful how much trash accumualates from items used for less then 10 mins. Yet they pollute our land and oceans for 100's of years.
- We need to stop single use products at the source before we have to deal with them as garbage. It would be more economical for the city.
- I rarely see litter that is not a single-use disposable item, and most of it is non-recyclable.
- Single use plastics end up in waste managemnet facilities where they do not decompose and it trufthfully is an issue for an environment
- They are harmful to the environment and a waste for a single use.
- We need to protect the environment
- Wasteful and easy to resolve problem
- Trying to improve conditions for future generations.
- Responsible waste reduction
- Single use items that are not compostable are pollution
- Looking towards a better future for others
- Because single-use plastic is a growing issue and Calgary is a thriving young city known for oil and gas, would be nice to gain an environmental rep!
- single use items only add to our garbage problem. restaurants shouldnt be able to give out plastic cultery- paper/bamboo or dont give out cutlery



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- single use items only add to our garbage problem. restaurants shouldnt be able to give out plastic cutlery- paper/bamboo or dont give out cutlery [DUPLICATE]
- Because it's ruining our planet and is a huge burden. It will encourage businesses and calgarians to think twice about what they are using and find more eco friendly and sustainable alternatives. City of Calgary could make a huge impact.
- As a city we need to do as much as possible to protect our planet.
- Because there is no magic solution and someone needs to save the planet!! Single use items are the worst.
- I want my children to grow up in a safe world with less garbage and plastic!
- The amount of waste generated daily is simply staggering.
- lets be leads not followers in the fight against climate change
- Most people will require some form of motivation, whether that be positive or negative, in order to make a change that will inconvenience them.
- Because it's bad for the environment! It's crazy that something we use for less then 15 minutes takes thousands of years to decompose.
- She ch an enormous amount going into our landfill. Stop making plastic anything, huge mistake!
- Climate change is real. Most single use items are not biodegradable, and it is damaging to Mother Nature. We all have the duty to protect our environment, and the first step is the reduction of waste from single-use items. Better yet, aim for zero waste!
- It is terrible for the environment. Adds to wastes in our water etc. Added costs to business owners.
- because the climate and state of the world is constantly changing in a negative way and if we don't start to fix it city by city it is only going to get worse
- CLIMATE CHANGE AND ANIMALS
- There is no planet B
- to preserve the earth
- Using reusables is cheaper in the long run, and so much better for the environment.
- Single use plastics are one of the leading environmental pollutants
- It ashould be done wisely, ther eis lot of single use items which are required to prolong shelf life of food, these cannot removed. the rest can be removed once alternatives are developed and implemented.
- Need to have some control in place to ensure that single use plastics are collected and controlled .
- Because use of single-use plastic is killing the planet. It's a destructive convenience.
- Having a way to recycle single use items will greatly reduce their waste.
- they need to be recycled, but put in the garbage
- There are many ways to reduce the amount of garbage we produce and creating a plan to limit the amount of single use items is a great way to do that.
- Many items we use are can not be recycled
- Something needs to be done and a developing a strategy is the smart thing to do.



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- Reduce plastic waste
- Plastic is a toxic substance that leaches into our water and food system and is unnecessarily filling our landfills and chokes animals.
- Because it's important!
- I think this is an important initiative. However, I also think that offering different sizes of black bins (smaller bins costing less per month) would provide a great incentive to Calgarians to generate less waste.
- Reduce waste in our landfills.
- To reduce unnecessary waste
- There is way too much being used and no regulation around it.
- While I believe VERY strongly in reducing waste and our ecological footprint, it is not the role of governments to decide on what I should buy or not. Consumers should get informed on the issue and the City should increase its work on recycling.
- Primary focus should be where re-useable items can easily be substituted eg. grocery bags or coffee cups. Secondary emphasis on having compostable or recyclable single use food containers within the current capabilities of the City.
- Long term benefit
- Banning with closed eyes is not wise. You can charge people an extra dollar per each item in this survey, people will have the option of paying or not using them. Money has to fund (REAL) recycling initiatives
- We have a commitment to protecting the environment and reducing our impact.
- They are completely unnecessary and bad for the environment.
- There are compostable or reusable alternatives to many, if not all, single use plastic items
- Lack of space in landfills, misuse of resources in manufacturing plastics, to push businesses and manufacturers to use alternative packaging
- We all need to do our part to reduce waste; perhaps making some single-use items not available would help those that don't do it on their own.
- There are lots of people in this city that don't bother to recycle.
- Where-ever we can reduce waste, we should do so.
- Yes, Calgary should take action to reduce single use plastic items and get with the times. These items are most often found when plogging. The reduction strategy should be named after [personal information removed] who everyday picks up peoples's discarded garbage.
- We are a major centre and have the ability to do so. We can be a role model. It's well past the time that single use plastic should be done with. We must take the next bold and ethical step in reducing our waste.
- We cannot afford to burden our environment with throw away plastics.
- Much of the material being landfilled is valuable in terms of energy recovery. Also cleaner energy source.



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- Unsure
- Single use items are economically wasteful and harmful to the environment.
- There is no excuse in this day and age to be creating so much unnecessary waste when there are so many other options available.
- We should eliminate plastic from the world
- Why do I have to pay to deal with garbage generated by someone else? I did not create this garbage and the person who did should be required to, not just pay, but to find alternatives so I don't have to deal with it. City is stealing from me now!!
- its a waste of landfill space. much of the plastic ends up in waterways anyways. it doesn't break down.
- We only have one planet to live on, last time I checked. We need uncluttered oceans if there's any hope.
- I'm not sure what you would do, or how, and I think it should be phased in to avoid people hating it from the start - but yes this needs to happen!
- We are entering a time of irreversible environmental damage. This is a prerogative of stewardship.
- Too much plastic litter. Improve recycling for these type of plastics.
- Yes, we should reduce garbage from single-use, but not eliminating these items. Instead, we should invest in recycling strategies towards a circular economy that optimize the plastic usage. Also, education is critical factor in third world countries.
- Even if you recycle and compost, single-use items that are not recyclable (or people don't think they are) will fill up garbages. Especially in office Environments or construction sites. So many companies have created biodegradable single use items too!
- Because it fills our trash - the recyclable items rarely ever make it into the recycling. It also creates a lot of litter within the city, particular in and around the core.
- Limited the amount of garbage in food cords and malls
- This is going to have a huge impact on us very soon. Especially with culture in Calgary moving to more take away food, we need to be kept honest about what happens to our garbage after it leaves our hands. Most people including myself don't think of it.
- Plastic is killing the world. We need to start looking for solutions now.
- Single use plastic (especially plastic) require resources to produce and recycle, if they get recycled at all. Often, they end up in rivers, lakes, and eventually oceans, posing a risk to wildlife.
- The amount of garbage produced from fast food places is staggering!
- It will help change perception and encourage people to reuse or make choices that are not single use
- Reduce landfill; better for the environment.
- The amount of single use plastic in our environment is reaching a crisis point. Something needs to change.
- It's so incredibly wasteful! And most of these single use plastics will be around for hundreds of years.

- I think we all need to do all we can and that sometimes this means putting pressure on citizens to learn about the excesses involved in producing single use plastic and the benefits of avoiding it.
- Takeout cups, food containers and utensils are used for convenience and then discarded. With a little planning, you can at least pack a set of utensils.
- other major cities have provided leadership in reducing the use of plastic bags, straws, etc. and it is very important to assist in this reduction to prevent pollution and climate change.
- Single use items create excessive disposable waste that in many cases end up in landfill. Even those items that can be recycled often become contaminated and therefore still end up in landfill. It is up to the city to put pressure on businesses to change.
- Because the planet is drowning in plastic that will take thousands of years to break down.

Responses that indicated no:

- This will have no impact on the environment.
- I like using these things
- We currently do our share, we have the black bin, the blue bin and the green bin. I will have to get a new lot for garbage bins at this rate. I
- We currently have a black bin, blue bin and the latest green bin. I will need more property space for all the bins. I think calgarians are doing there share already.
- The city should please start doing less with less tax money
- Resources could be better allocated to more urgent items
- Not at this time. This is not a NEED nor a priority. It's a Nice-to-Have if we had \$. We have limited \$ to do what needs to be done and i don't see this as a priority at this time.
- This is "low-hanging fruit" when it comes to achieving the vision of zero waste.
- I think it is the companies responsibility to reduce their packaging. So really the city should lobby the companies to do this rather than the onus being on the city and consumer to do so.
- For the little it accomplishes, time and effort can be focused elsewhere.
- Leave us alone! If you guys at the city don't want to use them, then don't. Enough [removed] with the people of Calgary!
- As much as I appreciate the sentiment behind this environmental movement, I think [personal information removed] it's important to be able to eat stuff outdoors and take it to go. We live an on the go lifestyle in the city.
- Added cost.
- Pollution and plastic particals everywhere, our bodies, oceans, animal stomachs. My main concern is plastic bags and disposable take out containers, only few restaurants offer bio-degradable option.
- what are we suppose to do - not support business which serves food in single-use plastic - should you not be asking businesses change their business practices Would please outline the cost savings realized to date vs homeowner monthly city charges
- Single use plastics are necessary to our quality of life and are a minor contributor to cost of waste



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- Inconvenience
- For allergy purposes plastic single use items are preferable over wheat based alternatives that are not safe for people with wheat allergies and celiac disease.
- Being taxed to death already so can only imagine how this will be taxed
- All single-user items have a time and place for use. Governments should work with businesses to supply better alternatives than to institute a ban where families and individuals end up bearing the burden.
- How big of a problem is this? Does single use plastic account for 50% or more like 1%?
- Nothing goes into the ocean here, comes from the earth goes back into the earth.
- Tough call as some single use can't be avoided, but could be better designed.
- Plastic is 100% recyclable and land fills are CHEAP even though the City DRAMATICALLY OVERCHARGES. Just another Tax on an over taxed populace.
- I think we are doing a good job recycling and composting right now and trying to figure out how to live without something else right now is a bit overwhelming for most. But definitely in the future cut back!
- We do not need to legislate everything. Educate for personal responsibility. The items on your list are trivial. What about the huge amount of recyclables generated by shopping at Costco? That's what I see in the blue bins in my neighborhood.
- The waste is responsibly managed in Calgary - we don't dump in the ocean for example. Nanny state is already way too imposing.
- It would not be enforceable and the city could better spend money on more significant Environmental problems. How about focusing on micro plastics in water treatment?
- There are more important/effective environmental challenges to be solved.
- They are a required part of everyday life for my busy on the go lifestyle, and most of these products are already recyclable or compostable. The city should do more on education of how to properly recycle or compost these products where possible
- No. Many municipalities are able to recycle some of these items, so Calgary should find a way.
- Government should not mandate how I use these materials.
- I don't want any more fees for garbage items! The back alley is mess of garbage containers
- Although single use plastic items are a waste nightmare, much more focus should be put into construction/industrial waste (versus straws). PLEASE don't waste tax \$ on "trendy" eco moment (i.e. straws). Instead be strategic in terms of volume reductions.
- It's too late. Takeout food/drink is entrenched in our lifestyle. Don't hold the consumer responsible for what the merchants use. I can't take my own container to the food court. Big business alone is responsible for change. And STYROFOAM IS RECYCLABLE.
- I like single use items.
- It's this job of the city to collect and dispose of the garbage. It's not to tax us or tell us how to live.



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- Food and consumer goods packaging is a much worse offender vs. convenience. Let's tackle that rather than making people angry they can't use a bag (or cup or straw).
- Single use items fill a need for many different types of people including those with disabilities who might find one of these items completely necessary. The responsibility should lay on consumers to use more responsibly or less.
- This is a personal consumer choice. No reason for government to be involved in personal choices.
- Stop micromanaging people's lives.
- not a priority
- Too many other things the city ought to focus on
- Not a core service
- Calgary has bigger things to worry about than single-use refuse.
- Stop wasting time! This is trendy but in 3 years it will be something else so don't jump on the bandwagon, please.
- Your survey is horribly biased!
- The city doesn't have much power over this other than fines or taxes.
- It's a market and business driven issue
- We absolutely need to start reducing our garbage production. Single-use items seem the most obvious place to start.
- Get the recycling program up to speed. If we weren't 10 years behind other cities maybe this wouldn't be such an issue.
- Small businesses require these items to operate. Imposing more restrictions on these businesses will cripple them and lead to job losses for minimum wage earners.
- The greatest pollutants are not residential. This is a feel-good project for citizens and a cost-reducing one for the city. Those gains should be achieved by education not simplistic rules.
- I think businesses and individuals should be given freedom to make purchases and use what they want to. I don't feel the government should intervene to ban things like this, it's a gross overreach.
- Paper straws suck. Maybe styrofoam containers but straws are awesome
- The parameters for plastic contamination do not reflect Canada or even Calgary, but compares our expenditure to a world wide statistic. To address this concern a more accurate representation of our city's waste is needed. Otherwise this is futile.
- Sounds like a bad idea
- Single use items have a place and the city has no business dictating what I or others can or cannot use.
- The onus should be on individuals to change their behaviours.
- I thought the majority of these items were able to be recycled
- Leave that responsibility to the greater judgement of people and society.
- There are many more important issues that need to be dealt with rather than trying to micromanage single-use items.



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- No, I believe it is the responsibility of Calgary citizens to reduce garbage; not for The City administratin to dictate what citizens can and can not use.
- Every time the City does something like this it costs taxpayers even more.
- I recycle my single use items, I don't need the city to ban them. Would still like to use them.
- There is not quantified benefit, or cost, provided to make a decision. The city just forces unbenecial changes on the citizens
- They serve a function. We just need ways to dispose of them safely
- I know action has to be taken at some point in this regard. I think what is more pressing is proper sorting of existing waste based on our daily travel through our Lane. We have always recycled - red generation.
- City of Calgary should encourage the use of bio-degradable versions of these items so they can be composted
- People with disabilities, seniors, kids need straws. Stop banning them, give people options whether they want one or not.
- poor countries outnumber us so vastly that no matter how much good we do here it isnt even 1% of the mess other poor countries are makimng
- I support efforts to reduce single-use items but think public pressure and marketing opportunities should drive these decisions not additional government bureaucracy.
- First you need to address those not following the rules. We are 3rd generation reusers/recyclers and have less than a grocery store bag of refuse per 2 weeks. We follow the rules. You would not know it due to what our neighbours put in our bins.
- It's my choice what I use.
- I think instead of looking at reducing single use products. We should ensure they are compostable/recyclable. This way they don't go to a landfill but to our compost or recycling bins
- Single use items are important accessibility tools for people with disabilities and do not actually make a noticeable consumption difference when corporations are contributing so heavily to climate change.
- It is important for our environment.
- You ought to define what you mean by 'take action' and 'reduce'. Do you mean eliminate. Ban.
- I can't properly answer this Q without having the terms 'take action' and 'reduce' defined. Do you mean eliminate? Ban? Develop recycling programs for? My answer definitely depends on what you mean. This is unclear.
- It is NOT the City's responsibility. It is the business' responsibility and individual's responsibility.
- I believe the city should encourage business to reduce garbage from single-use items by developing bio-degradable alternatives instead. And other new products.
- I believe the action should come from business to reduce garbage from single use items. Bio-degradable alternatives and new products.
- I mean with somethings but not all

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- I feel like if you start taking action it will adversely effect my ability to use these single use items, making more waste from multi use options that I wouldn't be using on multiple occasions still ending up in the landfill-
- There are more important things that need work and consideration from council
- Single use items are convenient ways to transport mostly food products to home. Left overs from restaurant. I would rather be late adopters than disrupt a fragile segment of the economy.
- No we already have blue and green bin that we can use to help to reduce garbage.
- Stop dictating how I can live my life
- PLastic bags, utensils are not single use for many people. I use plastic bags at lwast twice and more if it do not get a hole and I wash my plastic utensils and use them like regular utensils for months I have some which I have for over one year
- I would prefer to see action on how to recycle these items. Also education of the citizens for example for a lot of drinks you don't need a straw but for a few drinks you definitely need a straw. People need to reject them for drinks that don't need them
- If it is to be an initiative it needs to be provincial. Any other way will not be effective such as chain restaurants and shops. They won't change policy for stores in 1 city.
- Because the city will just add more on to everybody's taxes
- Any time this administration takes action it ends up costing taxpayers money.
- Unless you reduce plastic diaper use first, please dont treat my straw as illegal. You can't just hate a few items, unless you look at the tons of diapers which are not reused like plastic bags are.
- Another tax grab...
- It's easier for single people the single items
- This should not be a city decision we should just switch back to paper like we all used before plastic even existed
- Free market will do it better
- not necessary, why bother when Longueuil to dump up to 160-million litres of raw sewage into St. Lawrence River
- Recycling is a waste of tax payer money.
- reduce landfill
- There are far bigger problems to address. Stop micromanaging - people can make their own decisions.
- It all needs to be recycled with better sorting.
- Convience
- Stop punishing business!!!!!! They can't afford any new costs
- Government should not order or even get involved in such a low level problem. I suggest consumers and business take the lead where it makes sense. Plastic bags from grocery stores have useful second purposes
- Stop trying to control our lives!!!!!!



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- for health reasons. Straws are important to prevent germs from spreading.
- Single use items are convenient and cheap.
- The reduction of single-use items is only feasible for those who are able to purchase a more permanent solution. The City of Calgary should not consider it acceptable to make consumers pay more for items or to raise costs for businesses.
- Stop trying to orchestrate every last detail of people's lives. Allow people to determine how to make their own decisions about reducing their garbage. A city generates garbage.....deal with that.
- A ridiculously simplistic question designed, I suspect, to elicit a yes answer so that the city can then say that it has majority support to ban ALL single use items.
- certain plastic items are more convenient than others
- good for the environment
- Should be directed by industry. Not a city issue unless city wants to implement their own policies in city work spaces..
- City has destroyed many roads putting up lane barricades for bike lanes, slowing car traffic which makes driving more dangerous, fails to grade back lanes for ruts and snow,fails to install snow fencing in residential areas prone to drifting.
- Because
- used a lot
- More important issues to deal with.
- government intervention is not needed.
- Stop interfering in the lives of citizens and taxpayers. Government is far too overreaching and overbearing on our lives.
- Will probably raise my charges.
- The amount of garbage we produce compared to other larger cities is minimal
- Another way we are controlled hit big companies like Coca Cola first that shrink wrap everything all their loads are shrink wrapped in the trucks and then thrown out every day
- Can you give us a bit of a break for a bit? We just changed the garbage rules - it's too much at once. We try to reduce our environmental footprint at home, but don't feel that the city should be making us do anything.
- Any strategy developed by the city will be too costly and ineffective. I also believe it is an individual responsibility. Big brother need not use tax dollars to "study" this.
- Should be an individual choice
- Better encourage than banning. Communication to make awareness
- Too many programs already with black, green, and blue bins. Basically same amount of waste just divided into three bins and then saying each bin has reduced from the original quantity. If divide 1 into 3, of course each division would be less quantity.
- Most of these initiatives are based on hysteria and social pressure and the alternatives often cause MORE environmental harm.



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- Why is this the city's mandate? Fix my sidewalk.
- I don't think it will help. Also, sorting it all is far too time consuming. Recycling and composting already we do not do because it takes too long.
- stop big brothering calgary citizens
- I always reuse my plastic bags instead of having to purchase garbage bags. Many single use items can prevent health issues. Cloth bags are always needing to be washed and if not bacteria and germs grow in them.
- Doesn't seem like the City would have money for this (the city doesn't have money for an arena, the Olympics or even snow removal)
- Used paper straws when young and they collapsed too easily. Years ago food preparers were forced to go from paper to plastic (save the trees) now they're being forced back to paper, at great expense. Is this just a cruel game being played against citizens?
- Money better spent on other programs
- Seen what's happening around the world with straws. Governments and activists are getting rid of things that people NEED, making it sound like because THEY don't need them then NO ONE needs them. People DO need these items and I don't want them banned.
- We need to recycle not be told what we can use.
- Is it really a concern?
- There is no explanation here as to what action you can take. I need to know what effect /cost it would impose on the taxpayers.
- It isn't necessary. This is not New York City. And how much will this cost the taxpayer.
- Inappropriate. Reducing garbage pickup was bad enough
- We need to have a better recycling program where all disposable items can be recycled including Styrofoam take out containers.
- The government should not be involved in waste removal at all, first of all. Second of all,
- First, the government shouldn't be involved in waste removal at all. Second, single-use plastics are incredibly beneficial to human life. Third, there is actually no proof that single-use plastics are harmful to anything.
- Because we didn't vote for you to control every aspect of our existence.
- Reduce the amount of material sent to landfill
- I believe it is time
- I believe it is the responsibility of the producer to provide recyclable material and the consumer to be able to deal with single use products responsibly.
- There are more pressing issues than to worry about plastic straws and bags.
- What is the point of having a recycling program if the city won't take all plastics? Stop passing the buck and figure it out.

- I believe that it should be up to the businesses involved to reduce their footprint. Paper cups instead of styrofoam, wooden stir sticks instead of plastic, compostable take out containers, etc. Perhaps the city can become involved in public education.
- There are more important ways to use our tax money that could go to improve living conditions, health services, or keeping the city safe. If the city has any say in ER wait times, or ensuring medical facilities are adequately staffed, that would be better
- It another way of control people's life and create more taxes
- Target and ticket people and businesses who litter. Waste service is already costly to end users. I don't trust if you "target" specific types of garbage that it won't just result in added cost to taxpayers and business forced to adapt.
- fix the westbrook LRT station please. get some security in there
- Single use is easy plz keep
- I cannot believe it will make a significant impact on the amount of garbage in landfills. What do you suggest replacing these items with? I can't take a coffee cup with me everywhere. What about leftovers at a restaurant? Restrictions seem absurd.
- more people will get sick from reusing plastic and waste water which is high priced than drain fee
- Inform people of the issue, don't regulate the minutia of life
- Stick to the basics. Stop the war on everything convenient.
- Many businesses have already adopted recyclable or compostable versions of these items. Encouraging that is more effective as there is a need and legitimate use for these items.
- Replacements not viable yet
- Fees for garbage, recycling, and compost is already at a stupid high level for the service we get, one would think the black bin would be picked up more frequent in the winter with green bin being less along with the fees.
- It is a waste of time. People do not separate compostibles or recyclables now and you expect them to not include single use items?
- Why are these items now being segregated as being an issue? Plastic is fully recyclable and Calgary has an extensive recycling program that is already in place. Everyone wants to get on this "fad" bandwagon when the solution is simple - recycle properly
- I don't believe it's necessary at this time especially given the economic situation of Calgary still.
- It's not your place
- We need to change our excessive, convenient behaviours which create waste : recycling is not the answer.
- Not necessary
- Cost benefit is not there. Focus on bigger issues. We have already made big strides with completing.
- City already finds ridiculous ways to tax me for services,
- City already find ridiculous ways to tax me, this will just increase costs and have very little impact.

- Too costly for city and businesses.
- You already force people to sort garbage for a recycling system that hurts the environment twice as much as any landfill and now you are asking us if we should make the impact of broken recycling technology worse? No you shouldn't....
- No should be done at the federal level
- Changes should be required of businesses. I doubt the City can implement changes on a scale that would be worthwhile.
- Unnecessary
- Focus on much more important things than single use items!
- Impossible to police unless banned wasteful use of human capital as there's always a trade off
- What I use is my business, not the governments.
- I don't believe that this is the city's responsibility but rather the merchant or business supplying the plastic items. Vendors should find an alternative to plastic (wood stir sticks, cardboard take out, etc). Like it used to be.
- The costs don't justify the inconvenience.
- I like the convenience of many single use items. I think you should figure out a better way to recycle items.
- I think it should be consumer and businesses responsibility.
- They have to be disposed.
- Deal with the businesses and not the taxpayers (consumers)!!!! All landfill issues should be dealt with at the manufacturing business level period. What about all the throw away gadgets even cars. North America has a stinky attitude re old stuff!
- Because it should be the responsibility of the individual - not the city.
- It's happening already on its own. The city doesn't need to get involved.
- It is taking up space in our world
- Let people make their own choice and quit trying to run our lives.
- I believe there is a place for some single use items and most can be recycled
- Everyone needs choices. We should be rewarded for bringing our own reusable things. Not penalized with no choice. Many businesses I frequent have switched to compostable items.
- Just make them compostable and biodegradable
- because garbage hurts the ocean
- City of Calgary is highly inefficient in everything it does
- We eat skip the dishea every night so we use plastic containers everyday. I drink with plastic straws everyday too.
- They have more important tasks to worry about
- I think there are much bigger issues to worry about in the city. Like maybe jobs? And high taxes. If they were to reduce these items would they provide everyone with reusable cups and straws? Or would everyone be expected to buy their own?

- Time management is a major struggle with young families. One more thing to add to a parents mental load would add stress.
- personal choice and disposal responsibility to recycle waste has been learned from elementary grade school [don't litter]
- These items are not the issue. The real issue is human behavior of littering and not recycling.
- No, because for this council "take action" means more costs for taxpayers
- Local government should not get involved in the question Let consumers and Industry lead with more senior gov'toversight. I have several uses for plastic grocery bags. Eliminating them will cause me to buy plastic bags iin addition to bags for 3 bin garb
- The city should stay out of it
- The City of Calgary needs to work with the industries creating those single-use items to find a way to capture them securely for reuse/recycling/resource recovery, diverting them from the landfill.
- Waste of fricken time
- n/a
- Single use plastic is subjective. For example, plastic bags can be reused. I think adding a fee to some single use items would be helpful rather than banning.
- Very expensive to do, also unessesary at this point.
- I can make these decisions myself. I don't want the city telling me how to eat my lunch or carry my groceries.
- we have an excellent recycling process in Calgary, no need to reduce further
- Single use items are a small part of total waste volume.
- No need to since most of not all can be recycled if Calgary actually had a proper recycling facility
- Focus on recycling them. I've tried paper straws and they get mushy and I never remember my clothe bags so I'd have no way of getting groceries home if there was no plastic.
- I don't think it is the responsibility of the city and I also do not want my tax dollars going to this. The City has taxed us citizens to the max, It is not up to you to tell me how or what items I use.
- We pay enough in taxes.
- Some disabled people require some single use items (straws in particular).
- Human problem. Not plastic problem. Takes more to produce reusable items. Fine people who don't recycle.
- Replacing single-use items with multi-use items often creates more health hazards - eg BPA plastics are reusable, but worse for health than single use plastics. Also, multi-use items may be re-used for many more times than they are designed.
- Some single use items are needed such as coffee cups and if it was a requirement for business it might hurt business when it should be a consumer choice
- So we can reduce the amount of garbage to help our planet



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- Recycling program should be IMPROVED to process all these items. I would rather pay more for that than other alternatives. Plastic bags ARE recyclable... Plus we re-use them at home for bathroom garbage cans.
- I believe the City of Calgary should take action to educate the public on the benefits of single use items and the recycling options available. Before taking action to reduce garbage from single use items, there should be a replacement strategy in place.
- Most single use items are made out of plastic; lightweight and low cost to produce. Paper and glass consume more resources and have limited recycle value (\$). I would like to see something like Dow's energy bag instead.
- The city should not tell me how to eat my lunch or carry my groceries
- city should stay out of my life

Which Single-use items do you think the City should take action to reduce?

- STYROFOAM!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Shrink-wrapped produce. Why does a zucchini need to be plastic wrapped? Why have a jalapeño on a styrofoam tray?
- Tim Horton cups
- rings on 4-6 pack cans, food packages in grocery stores for veg, meats, etc as much as possible
- food packaging
- All of the above can be made compostable, and thus are very low-hanging fruit. Packaging waste is another big one that can be changed.
- Any plastic food containers (e.g. baking from Co-op/Safeway etc. that comes in a clamshell container, bread bags, frozen food plastics
- Creamer containers, ketchup packets
- Single use bottled water bottles
- straws, water bottles
- Plastic grocery items. Have you tried to buy vegetables from any given store not encased in plastic? Not to mention processed foods.
- Plastic waterbottles. Plastic produce bags. P
- Plastic beverage container
- Excessive packaging in the grocery store
- Plastic water bottles. Paper towels in bathrooms.
- Disposable cup LIDS
- Cigarettes / cigarette butts
- Packaging using non-recyclable materials (candy bars, chips, yogurt tubes, cheese strings, etc)



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- All of the above ... but how about we change behaviours? We live near a school and it's the young students dropping Starbucks garbage on our lawn.
- Styrofoam meat packaging
- Theft-proofing on packaging is ridiculous. Also, mixed material packaging that would be recyclable if separate, but is GLUED TOGETHER!
- cigarette butts
- Styrofoam take-out containers and packing supplies.
- Amazon purchase, styrofoam
- Plastic packaging around produce
- Unnecessary plastic wrap
- NOTE: the only reason I have de-selected disposable cups is because the majority of hot cups (e.g. Tim Hortons) are recyclable/compostable, and most cold cups I've seen are recyclable plastic. Other items are priority. Especially take-out containers/utensils - the UofC has moved to all compostable containers/utensils so why can't the city??
- styrofoam takeout containers
- Plastic garbage bags, plastic packaging on vegetables etc.
- Plastic packaging of produce in grocery stores and styrofoam containers should also be included in this list.
- Plastic packaging.
- Ziplock baggies and garbage bags (not sure if plastic bag meant both?)
- Plastics on produce.
- We should look to other municipalities for solutions. We should reward businesses that make a change and tax heavily those who don't find solutions. For example the U of C food court barely tries to reduce styrofoam and waste. I support looking for all solutions and reducing waste, even if we have additional costs and inconveniences as we figure it out. I would also like to focus on reducing packaging. We should also tackle produce bag alternatives.
- Automatic air fresheners and other toxic chemicals in public spaces. Scent-free work places and all public places.
- Bottled water
- Too much packaging on products
- Packaging for store sold products
- Styrofoam packaging
- Styrofoam!! It should be banned due to its hazardous breakdown half life and business who use it should be fined.
- the leftover foods
- Styrofoam take out containers specifically, plastic q-tip type products, plastic plates.
- fruit and vegetable containers at grocery stores
- Plastic boxes for bakery,



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- Anything disposable (especially coffee cups) should be fully recyclable and/or biodegradable. And corporations should not be using a lot of packaging, period.
- Excessive wrapping for grocery store pre-pack and bulk packed items.
- all of the above PLUS excess packaging in grocery stores
- Bottled water. There is no need. We have clean water in the city.
- PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES!!!
- Styro anything
- Bottled water
- Paper plates and bowls- our amazing pancake breakfasts have an incredible amount of waste.
- All the liners and plastic wrappers for fruit, meat and so on in the stores
- Individually wrapped items that are already bagged together
- Paper plates and bowls-we have amazing pancake breakfasts in this city but they also have amazing amounts of waste
- Zip lock / plastic baggies, plastic "Saran" wrap
- Cellophane wrapping
- Single use coffee pods.
- Plastic water and pop bottles, kcups and coffee pods, bread bag tags, coffee spill stoppers
- Fruit and vege packaging
- Bottled water.
- Plastic wrap and packaging
- Styrofoam
- All single use items. We need to be more innovative! New marijuana packaging!
- Pill containers, medical sharps waste
- Grocery plastics and anything else thre city knows that there is too much of and is a problem. Should we not be enforcing restaurants and their chains recycle at a minimum.
- Bags for fruits and vegetables, styrofoam packaging, too many plastic packaging on products that don't need it
- Styrofoam of any kind, craft styrofoam, etc.
- Consider how to keep plastic straws at restaurants for people with disabilities.
- Grocery products wrapped in plastic like meats, vegetables and breads.
- Single use condiment containers
- water bottles - our drinking water is more than safe. There is no need to sell these items.
- Single use plastic grocery bags, unnecessary produce packaging, plastic razors, plastic toothbrushes
- Excessive product packaging
- Grocery products plastic containers
- Disposable utensils



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- plastic bags for single-use in the vegetable aisle - if a person washes or peels their fruit, why do they need to put it in plastic?
- Plastic packaging that becomes discarded
- Remember paper straws-they worked. Like paper bags. Composable options should be encouraged. Don't outlaw them. Necessary in certain situations.
- Believe there are already alternatives to these items- paper straws (remember these used for beverages and candy); wooden stir sticks & toothpicks, butcher paper wrapping, glass bottles & containers, metal lids/caps. Plastics do have their place in medical/toxic uses/situations.
- Coffee stoppers, anything single use and plastic, something that isn't compostable, but could be.
- Stop selling us stuff that can't be composted period
- grocery store single use plastic bags, plastic plates & bowls
- I'm fine with paper disposable cups but plastic disposable cups should be eliminated
- All single-use, plastic items, please. Compostable options are ubiquitous, now.
- Plastic fast food toys.
- Be careful with straws because they're very helpful for some folks who are disabled! If they were replaced with paper straws, that'd be fine too.
- Plastic water bottles
- bottled water
- clear plastic bags for fruits and vegetables, take out containers that are ESPECIALLY Styrofoam
- styrofoam, clam shells from grocery store bakeries
- Small plastic sauce containers with takeout (ex. for dipping sauce), plastic produce bags, etc.
- Encourage alternate options that can decompose in our existing facilities (wooden/bamboo utensils for example).
- plastic 6-pack rings. Over-packaged consumer goods
- Plastic bags in fruit and veg area of supermarkets.
- There should be a research on what single use items have the worst impact. Start with those.
- Packaging materials used by manufacturers - especially the rigid oversize clam shell packaging for retail
- Styrofoam
- Specifically non recyclables
- Let's remember certain communities rely in some of these items as we take action, e.g people with disabilities and homeless people.
- Removal of single use diapers would be great for the environment!
- The paper required to submit a development permit at the city
- Styrofoam for meat
- Plastic dog poop bags.
- Packaging, would be good to adopt German approach at reducing excess packaging from retail sources



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- Styrofoam packaging at grocery stores- create a packaging strategy like beer bottles, where users return the package to an automated station and get a refund.
- Anything that cannot be kept and reused. Ex. many take-out containers double as tupperware once used
- Plastic fruit/ veggies bags in grocery stores
- Cup lids -- could be formed as part of cup or made recyclable
- Need to reduce non essential packaging in stores (eg packaged corn cobs, mushroom). Many things could be bought in bulk instead (encourage people to use their own containers and non plastic bags for bulk items such as nuts, beans). Lanyards and name tag plastic sheaths in conferences: people could keep one that they use at all events.
- bakery containers from grocery stores, styrofoam in all its forms
- Packaging
- All single use items.
- Over use of plastic in wrapping of items such as books, makeup, electronics
- Single-use water bottles
- food wrappers like plastic wrapping on hot rods and cheese
- Styrofoam meat containers, plastic bags for produce.
- Any and all single use plastics
- Plastic packaging
- Ballons
- Lids - none recyclable items - ban styrofoam
- re: take-out containers....ONLY biodegradable/actually-compostable containers can be used
- Disposable plates
- Balloons
- I chose other because I don't want to see plastic straws go. I originally thought it was a good idea; but then I met someone with a disability who has no use of his hands. He says the new paper don't last and he can't drink from them.
- Packaging in stores
- styrafoam - takeout containers, cups, plates
- Excess packaging in groceries, (costco is bad for this), construction waste (SO much of this in my Northern communities :(),
- Throw away plastics in general
- Wipes! You do not need to use a single use wipe when you can use a washcloth, for example. Not sure how the City San tackle this one though.
- Stores need to take action to buy package free items to sell to customers. Stop importing from far countries what can be provided within own country!
- Paper bags,
- Sand which bags (ziplock)



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- Maybe make a surcharge rather than eliminate. Tourists or even folks caught without packaging need to buy and eat.
- Coffee cup lids
- I am not sure how easy it is to eliminate but may be there is a fee for these items to customers who need these items? What would you penalize wooden stir sticks the same as plastic?
- Anything made of styrofoam
- Plastic Coffee pods
- Anything that cannot be recycled or composted.
- all styrofoam containers, plastics that cannot be recycled should be addressed first and then reduction of plastics that can be recycled.
- Paintbrushes for face painting artists. They are easily cleaned and re-usable
- Sauce containers
- Food packaging - produce and other foods
- Anything made of Styrofoam. Easiest place to start is in our food courts!
- Baked goods containers from grocery stores and vegetable containers (mushrooms, tomatoes, etc.)
- Any styrofoam containers because styrofoam isn't even recyclable
- Plastic Muffin/Cookie containers from the grocery store
- Plastic wrapping and package for fruits, vegetables and bakery food.
- All items used in a municipal context- let's think more deeply about better options where possible.
- Garbage bags, make
- Styrofoam
- Currently, most of our packaging is done in plastic. Other alternatives are surfacing such as biodegradable plastics. It would be great to see a shift in packaging.
- Cigarette Butts
- Every plastic item and plastic type currently not accepted in the Blue Bin, including items rejected due to low mass (and therefore it's a processing issue)
- Every store needs to charge 50cents or more for a plastic bag.
- bottled water
- Coffee stoppers
- Plastic bags can be recycled can't they? I hate the reusable grocery bags and wonder what happens to THEM when they're worn out (landfill?). I have a tremor and need a straw or lid for drinks. So do kids.
- Meat packaging! Butcher's meat wrap paper would really help!
- But her meat styrofoam and plastic wrap
- Q-tips with plastic, excess packaging on products, diapers.
- Cheap plastic crap given away at city events and Stampede.
- Plastic water bottles
- Plastic Bottle caps



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- Styrofoam, zip-lock bags and plastic-wrap (commercial and residential)
- Styrofoam containers
- All single use should be minimized
- plastic or styrofoam take-out containers
- All plastics and materials that do not naturally decompose and could cause harm to the environment, animal species and therefor human life
- Coffee/hot drink pods (k-cup style), creamers
- Bigger issue...cigarette butts
- Diapers
- Styrofoam cups & take-away containers
- 'Skip the Dishes' and 'Uber Eats' programs produce unnecessary packaging waste, do not adequately compensate their drivers, and put more vehicles on the road.
- styrofoam - take out containers that are made of paper are ok
- plastic disposable cups for hot and cold beverages
- Ban sale of water in bottles, increase water fountains, ban single serve plastic sachets (ketchup etc), provide reusable cutlery and crockery and/or fully biodegradable, encourage stores to use less packaging with food.
- Styrofoam
- Thermal paper receipts.
- all single use items - especially non recyclable styrofoam
- Diapers
- Water Bottles. Completely unnecessary especially for in home/work consumption
- even items that are made of combined materials (e.g. plastic with metal parts on it.)
- Excessive Packaging
- plastic package wrapping
- Plastic wrap
- PlStic shopping bags, plastic lids, coffee stoppers, styrofoam containers
- Styrofoam based specially. It cannot be recycled whatsoever
- Also coffee cup lids: they can't be recycled either.
- Non-compostable single use plates and bowls from food courts, food trucks and other places that use them.
- Paper towels and napkins, condiment packages.
- coffee/soda cup lids - not recyclable as too small.
- Diapers and Female Sanitary Items
- Anything that can't be recycled
- Plastic diapers
- Councillors
- Plastic bottles



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- there are many items sold in single use hard plastic shells ie scent refills - batteries just for example - companies can easily place these in small boxes which do less harm to the environment - all unnecessary plastics should be removed if they have but a single use and otherwise clutter up the landscape
- Plastic packaging and wrapping, produce bags.
- The plastic rings that hold pop and beer cans together.
- not necessary, why bother when Longueuil to dump up to 160-million litres of raw sewage into St. Lawrence River
- Single use Creamers and butter/margarin containers.
- Excessive new product packaging.
- Disposable diapers
- Anything Styrofoam and tetrapak - can't recycle, can't compost!
- Any and all disposable items that a large municipal government can reasonably target.
- Excessive packaging particularly of produce items in grocery and convenience stores.
- Stickers on bananas.
- Plastic packaging with fruit and vegetable purchases
- Styrofoam - the City of Calgary should purchase a compactor like Cochrane's Eco Centre has.
- Drive Throughs - convenience here using single-use items, plus health wise due to convenience tend to purchase fast food more. Also call in APPS for food service should be stopped- all have single-use cups and containers!
- Plastic drink holders that hold a pack of 6 drinks together.
- Especially Styrofoam take out containers
- Specifically, styrofoam takeout containers should be reduced.
- Single coffee/tea pods.
- Plastic packaging on fruits and vegetables
- Plastic water bottle. A company in the UK has made water balls made out of seaweed and you can eat them. The balls are biodegradable. I think this is the best idea ever. Here is a link to a video explaining about the water balls
<https://www.facebook.org/org/WeNeedThisbyattn/videos/2204947096403901/>
- No plastic cups no plates, no plastic utensils. Find a use for styrofoam containers and meat trays should not be made out of styrofoam Everything needs to be recycle it's a shame it's not
- All styrofoam. Anything not recyclable or compostable should not exist. I work at [personal information removed] and we go through about 8000 pieces of paper every day. they get used once and then recycled. I believe that this type of thing should be digitalized in our increasingly tech-heavy world.
- Water bottles less than a litre should be banned. Calgary tap water is great and there is no need for bottled water.
- Over-wrapped products on food shelves.



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- Disposable cup lids if not included above. Also, candy wrappers.
- Potato Chip Bags and Single Coffee Keurig style
- Any plastic packaging that can be replaced with less wasteful alternative.
- plastics containers for products we buy at the grocery store will also need to be included in the long run.
- Plastic packages from grocery stores.
- COFFEE PODS!!!! Keurig, nestle, all of them!!!
- Non-recyclable supermarket meat trays, shrink-wrapped cucumbers (are you freakin' kidding me? ... but MOSTLY, PLASTIC DRINK BOTTLES!!!!
- Styrofoam meat trays
- Please take into account people like me who cant drive to a grocery store. Delivery services use plastic bags.
- Plastic produce containers
- Any thing that has a good quality replacement item that could be used instead
- Hospitals should also engage in recycling & compostable programs
- All of plastic container
- Sauce packets
- Those plastic animals Milestones puts on bellinis! Give us a fuzzy peach slice instead!
- plastic bottles, six pack rings, plastic wrap
- All single use plastics
- Any single use plastics
- disposable cup lids 2. single use plastic water bottles
- I have noticed that companies like Starbucks have EVERY SINGLE EDIBLE ITEM wrapped individually in a single-use plastic bag. Not sure how pervasive this is in the fast-food industry but I suspect it's common.
- Packaging on items from croissants to screws and everything in between
- Plastic water bottles!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Plastic multicomposition bags like potato chip bags, , hard-case plastic cases like some sandwich meats, computer products come in,
- All of the above.
- Cup lids, plastic liners over junk mail and papers, all single use plastic film like plastic covers over dry cleaning,
- Clam shell packaging
- Plastic clamshell containers
- disposable cup lids, disposable cup sleeves, single-serve packages like creamers and condiment packages.
- Gift cards at retailers
- In specific, styrofoam should really be banned for restaurants to use as takeout containers.



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- Styrofoam
- Produce bags (available in grocery stores for fruit and veggies)
- Water bottles
- Only plastic disposable cups, waxed paper cups can be dealt with through other means.
- Styrofoam/styrene
- Plastic wrap on fresh vegetables, all plastic packaging
- style form packaging, Beverage container caps, food bags (types of plastic bagst that the city can't recycle)
- All plastic based tools, utensils, containers. Etc. That wind up in the landfill despite recycling efforts.
- Mailers advertising stuff that just go in recycling.
- Figure out HOW to recycle this stuff.
- Any styrofoam products or products that are difficult to recycle. Plastic water bottles.
- Packaging for grocery items, lettuce, chicken, cereal boxes, etc
- Take-away plastic cutlery
- All single-use items.
- Excessive packaging for unnecessary (nonessential) lifestyle items such as plastic Tassimo and Keurig coffee pods. More repercussions for the littering of recycling beverage containers and chip bags, etc. should be made (community wide clean-ups). Banning the use of styrofoam OR offering an alternative for it's breakdown should also be looked at.
- Single serve coffee pods!!!!
- Plastic garbage bags
- paper towels in restaurants. more hand dryers
- Styrofoam packages for meat and vegetables in grocery stores.
- Plastic Coffee Lids
- Plastic water bottles, kcups
- Coffee lids.
- Paper. City forms are often too long and aren't l'm plain language
- Single use coffee pods!!
- ALL styrofoam single use containers.
- Plastic water bottles
- Styrofoam
- Single use coffee pods
- BUTTS!!!!!!!!!! Put up stainless steel butt disposal units in strategic places and ENFORCE anti-litter laws.
- Disposable water bottles.
- Expanded polystyrene specifically
- Anything that comes into contact with food, including produce stickers, packaging for all foods. There are biodegradable and compostable options!



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- Bottles and cartons including caps and seals, food packaging, bread clips, meat styrofoam, cosmetic containers and packaging, envelopes with plastic windows, pens and markers,
- Encourage local businesses to reduce waste in packaging on food goods. Example a cardboard box for 5 granola bars
- Store packaging
- Disposable plastic water bottles
- I would include packaging of any sort. So much is so unnecessary.
- anything styrofoam used for foods (many places i use now use compostable take out containers)
- Plastic Bags (Safeway)
- Saran-wrap
- Any polystyrene foam items
- polystyrene foam
- water bottles
- Pplastic wrapping for store-bought goods including grocery goods.
- retail packaging from china that is not recyclable...Everything comes from China yet very few plastics are recyclable.
- Maybe not only reduce, but switch. Ie switch from non- recyclable styrofoam take out containers to compost able ones. Other: Dollar store junk like single use plastic
- Styrofoam packaging for meat at grocery stores
- We should target single use items that are not compostable or recyclable.
- plastic and paper plates, wrapping paper and other seasonal single-use items
- Plastic that packages produce, from spinach in plastic bags to berries in plastic cartons to fruit in plastic net bags.
- styrofoam take out containers
- Water bottles one litre and under
- Plastic packaging on food in grocery stores
- Styrofoam containers
- Hot beverage cup plastic lids
- Meat\chicken trays
- Unnecessary plastic packaging in delis and grocery stores
- Product packaging, plastic wrap, etc.
- paper napkins, paper flyers, reduce the use of kleenex (handkerchiefs work fine!)
- Plastic retail packaging.
- Plastic condiment packets
- Plastic packaging
- Non- biodegradable (usually plastic) single-use items are the worst - must reduce!!
- Non- biodegradable (usually plastic) single-use items are the worst - must reduce!! Biodegradable single-use items are much better (paper, wood, or biodegradable plastic.

- Whichever items are selected, that should only be done after extensive consultation with people with a variety of disabilities (and from lower income individuals, especially). Reducing impact would be nice, but these sorts of things are really a drop in the overall bucket, and not worth making the lives of people with disabilities more challenging.
- Plastic lids
- All styrofoam items
- Prepared meal kits
- Blue and green carts are responsible for approximately 210 tons of Carbon the black bins they replaced only created 86 tons. Hint: if this recycling program actually worked we'd be getting paid for the recycled materials just like recycling bottles, the reason we as citizens pay for the recycling blue and green bins is because IT DOESN'T WORK. YOU ARE KILLING THE PLANET WITH BLUE AND GREEN CARTS
- take-out containers - just the styrofoam ones - I re-use any that are plastic or recycle
- Styrofoam
- water/pop bottles
- Water bottles. Glass is better
- As above, I would prefer to see recycling that is equipped to deal with these items rather than measures strictly aimed at eliminating them.
- I think reducing where possible is necessary, while keeping in mind the various needs of people of different abilities and income levels who can not afford the luxury of their own reusable bags or containers or the ability to drink out of a cup. Sitting down with a reusable plate and utensils is much better than doing take out.
- Prepackaged condiments at fast food shops
- Styrofoam is HUGE....needs to be recycled. Also - non-numbered plastics, including personal use tubes (creams, deodorant containers, etc)...BC does this...why can't we??
- I do not believe the city should be responsible to the community's plastic usage or disposal. I believe that the city resources are best used monitoring the businesses supplying the plastic items. Alternatives to plastic should be found.
- Lids for hot and cold beverages, which cannot be recycled or composted.
- a focus on Styrofoam, wax-lined paper cups and other non-recyclable garbage
- Rather than getting rid of take-out containers/utensils, could we switch to compostable items?
- Clamshell containers for vegetables and fruit and plastic packaging.
- styrofoam
- Plastic plates, plastic bowls, plastic lids on cups,
- Cars, electronics, cheap clothing, cheap anything that only lasts a little while but lines the pockets of manufacturers. Stop charging for plastic bags it's only making the companies richer! North America is a throw away society including with people
- Anything styrofoam.



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- Plastic bags and all plastic packaging
- teach other not to throw trash around the whole world and tell them what could happen to our world if we throw trash in the ocean and on land.
- Soda can bottle rings.
- Having straw options is critical for many people with disabilities; if we ban the plastic straw let's ensure these demographics are not left behind.
- I believe that alternatives, whether compostable or recyclable, can be made available when complete elimination is not possible; however, plastic, non recyclable styrofoam, etc, should be eliminated.
- Styrofoam take-out containers and meat trays
- Beauty product and cleaning packaging
- bottle caps
- Plastic vegetable and fruit containers in grocery stores and styrofoam and plastic meat containers in grocery stores.
- Clothing and other woven material. Styrofoam . Appliances. Electronics - all parts. Anything that gets thrown out, aside from compostable items, should be recycled.
- Styrofoam
- Remove all plastic and utilize items that can be composted or recycled, not biodegradable. No Styrofoam.
- Lids, extra paper inside the to go food boxes
- Any items that are recyclable.
- Plastic wrapped food/candy- not sure if it's in your power but it definitely needs to be encouraged among manufacturers. Plastic isn't necessary!
- Single use water bottles. Styrofoam take out. Styrofoam meat trays.
- Plastic lids
- Packaging on produce. Why do they now wrap eggplants in stores, and cucumbers are wrapped twice because??
- Plastic string, bubble wrap.
- Get rid of things that won't compost or break down (aka plastics)
- The objective should always be to reduce consumption, however, changing packages formulation should also be a goal. Have consumers bring their own mug and get refills not always a new coffee cup at Tim's with the wasteful PS lid is an example.
- Also polystyrene takeout containers
- All styrofoam
- Hot cup sleeves,
- Make it easy for stores that sell bulk items and deli items to accept reusable containers that customers bring in.
- Unnecessary wrapping, like single wrapped bananas.



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- Cigarettes - these are single use items and are typically disposed of on the ground. What about pizza boxes? These are single use items as well. So is a newspaper.
- Styrofoam containers
- Excess packaging for takeout
- Anything that is single use non-degradable
- Plastic plates
- Styrofoam products
- Styrofoam take out containers and beverage containers should be prohibited, disposable cups (both hot and cold) can be recycled however they are too expensive in transport costs/fuel to reach proper facilities; therefore additional incentives or penalties should be used to encourage reusable options such as thermoses. Paper take out containers are ok.
- All - some easier than others - most challenging will be the take out cups
- Keurig coffee pods, pre bagged fruit
- bottled water
- Menstrual products
- Any plastic item that isn't made in Canada
- plastic bottles, especially water
- cotton pads for make up removal
- Bottles, bristles from the street cleaners
- Note that I still want these items but I want them to be compostable instead
- Produce bags
- Plastic food packaging, for example raspberries.
- Plastic bottles
- The plastic that is used to bundle beverage containers
- Educate on alternatives to reduce and reuse and recycling options for these items.
- Excess packaging from manufacturers. I am sick of paying for packaging I take home to throw away!!
- Encourage businesses to go paperless/offer an incentive to do so
- Napkins
- Ketchup packets and other single use disposable consumables
- Especially styrofoam!
- Grocery packaging, packing on items shipped from Amazon, all of these continue to become more elaborate and wasteful. Ever received a box in a box in a box?
- Coffee pods
- Cigarette butts
- styrofoam items - which can be cups, take-out containers, plates, etc.
- Disposable cup LIDS
- hard shell plastic packaging for consumer goods and food products



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- Plastic drink and water bottles. Reduce bottles of water as well. Water is being squandered as well.
- Excessive packaging
- Promotional / marketing items
- Single-use napkins. Plastic lids. Plastic packaging.
- Styrofoam specifically in cups and take out boxes
- Banning things does not work. Educate on all the above.
- Diapers, garbage bags, styrofoam meat packaging, frozen foods packaging, packaging for items that could be made available in bulk food stores, drink containers
- Plastic gift cards and re-load cards, as well as plastic membership cards
- Plastic drink lids, coffee stoppers, restaurant coasters, tray liners, tin foil wrap, office paper, plastic wrap, foam grocery store containers, we need compostable options for all the above which can be made from beeswax and hemp
- styrofoam packaging
- Any cups or containers made of polystyrene. Any single use item that cannot be recycled or composted.
- Any type of container (cups, takeout, etc) that is not fully compostable, as these alternatives exist!

Which items do you use most frequently?

- food packaging
- Beverage cans
- I don't use any of these at home.
- I have made the switch to reusable so I no longer have to use single-use
- Plastic packaging
- Unnecessary retail packaging (e.g., costco putting fruits and vegetables in single use plastic to facilitate their business model).
- Plastics that my organic produce comes in... drives me crazy.
- We try to minimize the all of the above but it's hard to avoid in our society.
- produce bags from supermarket
- I try not to use all of the above, but I do - out of convenience. I still think they should all be banned and we learn to adjust.
- I've recently weined myself off of the above over the past year but I'm an empty nest bachelor. Vis I decline bags for all my groceries in the cart. then unload them in to the car and bag them at home.
- Any grocery item that is premade has some sort of plastic. Offer more bulk items and ability to bring your own containers.
- I only use take out containers when they are cardboard
- Grocery food containers plastic



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- I have rarely used plastic bags, and haven't for decades.
- Excessive plastic packaging
- Use multitude use plastic bags where possible. Need to find an alternative to foam containers. (Maybe it's time to consider butcher paper or something similar. Also use toothpicks/dental floss ears/zip bags/plastic bottle caps, prescription and vitamin bottles/caps which are not included in this survey
- All the packaging around food products and items purchased at stores ... all are one use
- bring my own straw
- Disposable plates at food courts
- I use daily stretch film for my small business. Can the city put together a list that small businesses can use to find alternatives. It's great to target the end consumer and households, but the plastic comes from retail and consumers. Small businesses like mine , are going to want to help and we need help finding the resources. Info on alternatives is not readily available.
- Often when you order takeaway/delivery, you don't have the option to choose whether or not plastic utensils are included.
- Lids for disposable cups hot and cold
- Plastic that comes already wrapped in things I buy from the store
- packaging from grocery stores
- I use very few, conscious choice
- I use what I'm forced to by business. I'd bring my own containers, cutlery, etc but when I eat fast food all items are forced upon me. Take industry to task. It isn't something consumers can drive.
- I shop Bulk stores as much as possible. I buy package free as much as possible. I refuse to buy produce wrapped in plastic, the store is hurting because of that.
- Food wrappers - like on burgers, wraps etc.
- I responded on behalf of my family, I use cloth bags whenever possible. I purchase food from Community Natural Health Foods and for a lot of their items they use their own plastic containers for nuts, dried fruit etc. when they could be using bins or paper.
- I don't consider plastic bags single use as we use them around our house in many different ways.
- Plastic containers from grocery items (e.g. clamshell containers for berries) and meat packaging that cannot be recycled.
- Packaging on all foods
- Rigid plastic containers from grocery stores.
- Paper napkins
- Food pouches for toddlers
- Meat packaging which includes styrofoam and some plastic, as well as butcher's meat wrap!!! PLEASE GET RID OF IT!!! There has to be another option!
- Butcher styrofoam and plastic wrap



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- All plastics and materials that do not naturally decompose and could cause harm to the environment, animal species and therefor human life
- Cardboard sleeves for disposable cups (hot beverage).
- I try and avoid using either of the two identified but sometimes I forget my bags or my coffee cup
- Plastic wrap
- Styrofoam containers containing takeout
- Supermarket meat trays
- Paper towels and napkins, condiments.
- We actually clean plastiQ
- I reuse my plastic bags, and recycle them, so they are not single use
- small serving packaging, like sauces in packets or small tubs with lids
- I always recycle my plastic bags.
- plastic veg bags (and plastic shopping bags) are re-purposed before disposal
- Not an "other", just a comment: I would love for it to be normal to bring your own container to restaurants for leftovers, but since it's not generally accepted, I end up using their takeout containers, which are STILL often styrofoam. The rest of the items on this list can be replaced with your own reusable versions so they're easier to avoid.
- Plastic Packaging for food products
- I try to take my own cups, but I'm not perfect. I think companies should bring down the price when you bring your own cup, stainless steel straws (You can order them online. The new CBD oil that you receive from your doctor is shipped with far too much plastics. I have asked the company for a year to switch to glass bottles not plastic.
- Plastic wrappings on food products and non-food products.
- Try not to use above but retailers dont make alternates available. Solution requires retailer and consumer effort
- plastic wrap, plastic bags for produce (small clear bags NOT grocery bags)
- In-store plastics that I must buy to get the product. Clam shells around fruit , heavy plastic around a tiny light bulb or alot of it around a childs toy.
- I try to use as little as possible, and I try to re-use as much as I can, but if I have to go out to eat and they give me single use plactics as the containers/utensils for my meal I don't have much choice but to use them. Lots of places use black plastic which I understand can't be recycled. Surely other types of recyclable materials could be used instead
- Food packaging - net bags on fruits, frozen vegetable bags etc
- None of the above.
- Food wrappers mostly. (I have taken it upon myself to reduce my one use plastics in the last year).
- Surgical gloves and medical items at work
- Plastic food packages and styli form packages

- I seldom use one time use items, take out items for leftovers from dinners out could be reduced by me.
- Single use packaging if almost all products we buy, food-related or otherwise
- I carry bags, but on a rare occasion forget them... so only use a few bags a month, and not every month.
- I would happily use my own containers,
- Coffee pods.
- Cling film
- Please note - not by choice.
- But I wash my plastic utensils and keep using them
- Dental flossers, cling wrap
- Food packaging, bottle and carton caps and seals, bread clips/bags, envelopes with plastic windows, cosmetics, toothbrushes, pens, new marijuana packaging tubes is unnecessary, candy wrappers, sandwich bags
- Ready-to-eat foods in clear & black plastic containers from grocery (which are usually non-recyclable plastics). No alternative.
- water bottles
- Styrofoam take out containers
- Water bottles
- Meat, chicken, eggs styrofoam
- I've done my best to reduce use of the above, but options for takeout or stirring option when one is using a reusable cup are challenging.
- Product packaging (boxes, plastic wrap).
- yoghurt containers; clam shell package of fruits/vegetables/bakery batteries ...the list is endless
- Only 1 plastic bag per month for garbage
- Plastic condiment packets
- Styrofoam it comes in electronic items
- Stop killing
- Most of the restaurants I eat at have compostable containers.
- Styrofoam - in packing materials, in food trays from supermarkets, in takeout containers...
- Dental picks cotton swabs
- Produce containers from grocery stores and unnecessary wrapping
- styrofoam
- I bring my plastic containers from home to fill at the grocery store.
- Packaging from groceries (clam shell packages for fruit & vegetables, etc)
- Tim Hortons cups and garbage
- Plastic packaging from groceries
- bottle

- styrofoam
- I use plastic grocery bags sometimes and then re-use them for my garbage bags.
- Only recyclable items.
- I'm working really hard to minimize my use of all of the above, but it would be much easier if I were supported by the city.
- Packages on produce where I have no choice if I want the item.
- The plastic bags are not single-use as I re-use them as lunch bags, in bathroom trash bins, etc.
- Disposable plastic lids
- single use water bottles
- Ziplock bags
- I very often bring reusable bags and cups for beverages. I try to order from restaurants that use compostable take out containers. BUT so often this is a matter of convenience, and I absolutely believe people will modify their behaviour (ie remembering to bring a cup or bag) when it's their only option.
- I go to restaurants that I know use cardboard take-out containers or bring my own if they use Styrofoam.
- Plastic Packaging - on purchased items - and when when buying groceries
- I only use the above if no other option available. Most of the time I come prepared - I carry a go mug, stainless steel straw, reusable produce and shopping bags, compostable cutlery etc
- Cotton pads for make up removal
- Ketchup packets and other single use disposable consumables
- I make every effort to avoid all of the above, however, I cannot bring my own containers to restaurants, and even my groceries, like lettuce, come in hard packaging rather than bags.
- Fruit and vegetables wrapped in plastic. I try to avoid these as much as possible but it's so prevalent and not needed.
- Plastic wrap, Ziploc bags, over packaged consumer goods
- Shampoo and conditioner bottles
- grocery store containers, restaurant coasters
- Produce bags at grocery, and pre-packaged groceries.

Which single-use items could you live without?

- Styrofoam
- All of the above, and more. Anything can be made more sustainable, it is foolish and ignorant to think otherwise. Laziness is not an excuse.
- I could not live without take out containers, however I could live without PLASTIC take out containers



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- Use of all of these items could be reduced.
- straws, water bottles
- Some items need a sustainable replacement some we can do without
- Plastic beverage container (eg: milk jug)
- All of the above ... but need alternatives and options for on the go situations, and need to be forced to make changes.
- My family will adapt to whatever changes come about. Please bring about sweeping reform.
- 1 Gallon and 5 Gallon Plastic Pails - used for Paint and other Construction goods, and condiment packets.
- I can change my way of life to benefit the earth. As should everyone else! We need to make these changes together! It takes effort but its worth it!
- cigarette butt alternative or 1 cent return incentive as Vancouver looked at
- Styrofoam take-out containers and packing supplies.
- We have found alternatives in our home to each of these items listed above (metal and silicone straws, spoons for stirring, reusable containers, reusable cloth bags, reusable cups and utensils). We have sets we carry with us incase we make a quick stop, and we also make sure to plan ahead or even go without if needed.
- A straw alternative may be essential for folks with motor control issues.
- NOTE: while I disagree with the use of plastic in disposable straws, I do not believe single-use straws should be discarded entirely. It is only a limited demographic that can afford to purchase/transport/clean reusable straws. Also, the current trend for reusable straws (metal) cannot be utilized by persons with mobility disorders/physical disabilities as it does not allow for clenching/holding the straw between the teeth. (Same re: takeout containers; not everyone can afford to buy and carry their own containers, so offering something is still necessary; and some places refuse to let you use your own containers, too.) Obliging companies to offer a plant-based compostable alternative would be ideal!
- See question 2
- We could easily figure out alternatives and make changes to our habits. Now is the time to change. The more we normalise our behavior the easier it is. The change is the hardest part but we will adapt
- Bottled water
- I've sought other solutions that don't clog up our environment or community
- Seems like the survey is angling for an intended response. Not impartial.
- Health care items like gloves, sterile trays wrapped in plastics, syringes etc.
- Plastic box for bakery
- there are alternatives to all of the above, we just have to learn to make changes and get used to sustainable products

- Making disposable cups biodegradable would be a great option. Also, making sure we don't just erase some of these items off the planet (straws for example) for those who need them, like, making sure we remain accessible but also eco-friendly. Wooden forks&spoons, wooden stir-sticks, biodegradable stuff.
- Styrofoam
- We MUST find a way to live without them. But we won't do it fast enough without government regulation to motivate.
- packaging is over the top....I'm not sure how to remedy that
- Plastic water and pop bottles, kcups and coffee pods, bread bag tags, coffee spill stoppers, any food item in plastic containers
- Plastic wrap and packaging
- plastic
- Could live without them but that's probably not the point. The goal should be to better manage resources. So don't ban the use of any of these items but use deposit schemes to reduce their use & provide more sustainable alternatives.
- plastic bags in the vegetable aisle
- I would say any single-use plastic disposable item should be replaced with a biodegradable alternative (e.g. bamboo, recycled paper, etc) or made to be multi-use. An incentive should be given for those who use there own multi-use products.
- There is available strategies to live without all single use plastic via zero waste skills. Again some of the handicap community does rely on bendy straws to eat ect so Calgary's handicap community should be considered as well.
- Some of these have their places until alternatives can be found-medical waste/toxic item/human waste don't know of a plastic free alternative. Would use compostible alternatives if similarly priced to plastic items.
- Coffee stoppers, anything single use and plastic, something that isn't compostable, but could be.
- Again all packaging
- Plastic fast food toys
- Plastic water bottles
- clam shells, styrofoam
- plastic 6-pack rings
- I could use them way less often, but not completely eliminate
- Take away vegetable containers, take away baked goods from the grocery stores.
- Styrofoam containers
- I would like to qualify this answer. My father has a movement disorder which means drinking out of glasses is impossible as he does not have good motor control of his hands. While I do not think plastic straws specifically are necessary, I think it is really important to have a recyclable alternative to straws, at no additional cost to the consumer, available in eat in restaurants to be mindful and

inclusive of people who might have health conditions which preclude the use or motor control of their hands. Complete removal of these items without a reusable alternative in place is not an option as it will further limit social activities and outings of people who are already marginalized in our world.

- All of these listed are easily replaced with reusable options
- If there is an extra fee for single use (even compostable) it would encourage people to bring their own reusable items. If plastic straws were mandated to be replaced with compostable ones the costs would go down. If all the fast food packaging was completely compostable wouldn't it be so simple to provide green bins for the waste!
- All of these items have reusable and recyclable alternatives
- Styrofoam containers, bakery packing from grocery stores
- All of them if there is an adequate replacement in place
- Single use water bottles
- If alternatives were available, this is a wrongly loaded question
- All
- Plastic packaging
- Hot beverage (COFFEE) lids
- I could definitely live without all of these. I just need to remind myself that I CAN do it and make more of an effort. If the city helps me, and others, by reminding me of that, or providing incentives or deterrents, I'm happy about that.
- It's not so much living without its changing to creating policy to use materials that are recycleable or compostable
- additional packaging goods.
- Over-packaging on store bought items
- Any of these as long as there is another option
- Bags for produce.
- All styrofoam!!!
- I can live without anything that isn't recyclable or compostable.
- As long as recyclable alternatives are provided, could live without all!
- Food packaging
- Grocery store containers.
- I could live without the others if there was an alternative (compostable?)
- Practically all single-use plastics.
- plastic or styrofoam take-out containers, cardboard/compostable would be okay
- All plastics and materials that do not naturally decompose and could cause harm to the environment, animal species and therefor human life. We've lived without them before, and with today's technology and resources and reusable items, we can easily manage
- Coffee/hot drink pods, creamers
- Specifically single use and/or non-recyclable plastic take-out containers



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- all of them. we don't need them.
- Diapers, wipes
- Carrying a thermos, bringing metal utensils from home, canvas/re-usable bags for groceries, and even carrying a metal straw are viable means to help 'live without' the selected items.
- styrofoam
- Plastic packaging for fruits and vegetables.
- styrofoam packaging
- Plastic wrap! Replaced with aluminium foil or beeswax paper.
- Styrofoam containers
- I think there should be a huge xtra charge for these items when you forget them
- If I knew in advance almost everything i could live without, except take it containers. Those are necessary but I think alternative choices for materials could be explored.
- Should be my decision, not big brother. Still a free world
- olympics
- Plastic bottles
- As expected, this survey completely ignores whether there might be a design or technology solution, trying to slot everything into good or bad, black or white. I don't have a problem with any single-use items that are recyclable, but you need to define recycling as the problem, not their existence. As a species, we've pretty much proven we can't lift a finger to put a coffee cup in the right container, so how do you solve that? No amount of perfectly recyclable materials is going to keep a shopping bag out of a tree, tossed by a moron. Why aren't you surveying how moronic consumers are? Too difficult? That is the issue, not how easy it is to ban everything difficult to deal with.
- Let's switch back to paper like we used to have this whole thing is ridiculous the city has no business even getting a involved in this whole matter
- plastic veg bags
- I actively try to not use any of these, but sometimes it's difficult especially for take-out or food I want to bring home. I usually have my own bag, utensils, and cups.
- Moving to compostable single use or realistically recyclable items (not just numbered as recyclable but not actually) on the list coffee cups remain the hard one (having seen more and more compostable cold drink single use)
- Coffee pods
- All companies should offer stainless steel (You can order them online and pay extra and keep them for your next drink) or paper straws. All restaurants and stores like 7-11 should give a discount when you bring your own cups . I hope the city will stop the sale of water bottles, plastic bags, plastic forks, spoons etc
- paper towels. I have been using washable cloths for years now. Saves me a lot of money, and obviously a ton of waste.
- Bottled water



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- Over-wrappings found on food and products on supermarket shelves.
- Sandwich bags, freezer bags, bags on bananas.
- Plastic packaging
- I've noticed that in BC almost all places have switched to paper straws. They were perfectly usable, and we didn't find that they got soggy, which was interesting. I'm sure we could find reusable/recyclable/compostable alternatives to all these single use plastics. I would encourage the exploration of hemp based fibers or plastics to make compostable containers etc with please
- i would like to live without ALL of the above. They are revolting to me. We are destroying the planet. And plastic is in everything, including our poop!
- disposable cup lids 2. single use plastic water bottles
- Food. Packaging
- All of the above.
- I could live without (and pretty much do live without) any of these.
- Plastic wrap on fresh vegetables, all plastic packaging
- Styrofoam packaging and plastics food packaging
- Promoting compostable (in calgary) products instead of plastic would be helpful. Plastic straws might be too difficult to live without. Plastic water bottles
- I could live without these items when they are not compost-able. Encouraging businesses to seek biodegradable options for these items just makes sense.
- Of course people can live without any of these items, but we'd just replace them with another material
- Specifically Styrofoam, since this is not recyclable. I'm not opposed to single use entirely, if items are compostable and recyclable. So i think banning single use, non-recyclable/compostable plastics is a good step.
- Takeout utensils (compostable or otherwise)
- Could enforce use of paper straws, and wooden utensils
- The question is not relevant. Anybody can live without something.
- Plastic water bottles
- Styrofoam
- Dental flossers
- Disposable plastic water bottles
- We should be creating alternatives completely.
- Paper napkins from fast food places
- Disposable plastic water bottles
- I could live without all of these if there were alternatives made of non-plastic ingredients.
- Alternatives should be provided when necessary (is. Wooden utensils or cardboard straws)
- Any polystyrene foam items
- water bottles



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- Plastic wrapping for produce at grocery stores (bring your own cloth bags), plastic wrapping for processed goods at grocery stores, packaging for shipped goods from online retailers.
- styrofoam
- We can all live with reusable things
- My family of five could essentially live without all single use plastic items.
- Styrofoam take out containers
- Most plastic food packaging
- Many of these things could be compostable.
- Product packaging. Personally, straws — but I know folks with disabilities who need them.
- Coffee pods
- Disposable (single use) pens and other writing tools.
- I don't want single-use non-biodegradable products. We should switch to biodegradable ones.
- That somewhat depends on whether compostable alternatives are allowed. I can live without (and would be happier without) all of these in plastic form, if there are responsible alternatives.
- No more storifoam
- Receipts
- All of the above.
- Styrofoam as mentioned previously - I make a concerted effort to not purchase items with styrofoam whenever possible, but it is everywhere.
- Plastic clamshell packaging
- styrofoam
- I can live without all of these items if it makes a positive impact on our environment and waste accumulation in the City. I can make a plan to have reusable items or go without.
- Plastic vegetable and fruit containers in grocery stores and styrofoam and plastic meat containers in grocery stores.
- All
- Plastic bags. Plastic water bottles. It would be nice if all takeout containers were recyclable.
- Drink containers are possibly the only items that are at times tricky to manage without if you haven't brought your own. Perhaps there is a solution I'm not aware of. Definitely can do without wrapping on produce that has skin!
- I could live without all of them.
- Water bottles
- I think we could all live without all those as we used to do before the plastic version of all these came out.
- All styrofoam
- Water sold in bottles.



Single-use items waste reduction strategy

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- You seem to be picking on plastic but the challenge is much broader. Take a plastic stir stick, you replace it with a wood stir stick, it is still single use. Now you are cutting down forests so people can stir something. Likely not the best idea.
- Ziplock
- K-cups and single serve yogurts are other very wasteful items, which the city can't do anything about. As part of waste education in schools, the city should develop a program to promote litter-free lunches. Keep up the waste education!! Those presentations are fantastic. Saw one this summer.
- Plastic plates
- Take out containers can all be compostable!
- Keurig coffee pods
- Menstrual products
- Plastic wrapping
- Depends on my travels and the food options I choose. Multi-use and multi-purpose plastic bags essential to manage my groceries and use them to manage household garbage and lunch. Other items not use as much but do need them at various times - need the choice!
- Excess packaging from manufacturers.
- Plastic wrap on vegetables and fruit (ex, tomatoes, lettuce), pre-made salad bags, prepped vegetables, packaging for frozen food and pasta packaging.
- Plastic wrap, Ziploc bags, over packaged consumer goods
- hard shell containers of all kinds
- "Free" marketing items
- Single use napkins, plastic lids, and plastic packaging.
- Note: I re-use plastic bags from the grocery store as garbage bags (about one per week). If I have to bag garbage, I don't really want to have to purchase bags solely for that purpose.
- Again, banning is not the right approach. Educating is key. If an item is unnecessary, it doesn't matter what it's made of.
- Plastic drink lids, coffee stoppers, restaurant coasters, tray liners, tin foil wrap, plastic wrap, office paper, foam grocery store containers, we need compostable options for all the above which can be made from beeswax and hemp
- Not other but I don't like this question ... I could live without all these items if there was a better recyclable or biodegradable substitute.
- styrofoam packaging - shippers can use paper / cardboard or air bags. I bring my own takeout containers when I order takeout from my local Chinese restaurant; I usually add a toonie to cover the larger container size.