UC’s Single Use Plastics Policy

A guide for students and student organizations

ABOUT THE POLICY

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

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

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<td>Unbleached, fiber-based paper bag</td>
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<td>Provide reusable plates/bowls for plated dinners (see Green Events Guide)</td>
<td>Compostable plates/bowls (request 100% fiber-based compostable options from caterers)</td>
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HOSTING AN EVENT?

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

MORE RESOURCES

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

Questions or comments? Please email asrecycling@as.ucsb.edu

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