

Alternatives to Plastics – Directory

The plastic problem:	Alternatives	Suppliers
Single use plastic cutlery, cups, glasses, plates, bowls	Cutlery, cups, glasses, plates, bowls made from recyclable/compostable alternatives such as wood, palm leaf, wheat fibre	Little Cherry – www.littlecherry.co.uk Cold drink cups £9.99 for 50, hot drink cups from £7.99 for 50, palm leaf plates/bowls from £7.99 for 25, wheat fibre or sugar cane plates/bowls from £7.99 for 50, birch cutlery £7.99 for 100. Eco tableware - https://ecotableware.store Sugarcane bowl from 12p each, sugarcane plate from 9p each, wheat bran bowl from 41p, wheat bran plate from 36p, bamboo boat from 9p, free delivery over £20 or on Amazon in larger quantities. Vegware – www.vegware.com Many types of compostable cups, plates, cutlery, bags, straws, tableware, takeaway containers.
Single use plastics - straws	Paper or metal straws, or better still do not use them at all	Paper – Little Cherry - www.littlecherry.co.uk £2.99 for pack of 25 Metal – Amazon – www.amazon.co.uk Stainless steel straws - £4.99 for 4.
Hot drink cups	Reusable coffee cups	Keepcups – available from The Pound café (approx. £12) or https://uk.keepcup.com/?country=United%20Kingdom Stojo collapsible mugs – available at Waitrose for £10 Various available at Lowden's Garden Centre and Farm Shop .
Water bottles	Reusable water bottles	Widely available – see www.chillysbottles.com for bottles, non-plastic food containers and accessories Various available at Lowden's Garden Centre and Farm Shop
Plastic bags for fruit/veg in supermarkets	Net/mesh fruit and veg bags	Available at Green Ginger (local shop). Or on Amazon – e.g. BESTOMZ bags 12 for £10.59, Veggie bags 5 for £6.99.
Cling film/plastic food bags	Beeswax food wraps – use to wrap sandwiches, fruit, veg or for covering a bowl	Available at Green Bumble (local supplier) – email greenbumbleuk@gmail.com . Website – www.greenbumble.co.uk eg 3 small wraps (20cms x 20 cms) £5, 3 x mixed sizes £6.50.
Single use plastic carrier bags	Bags for Life, jute bags, polyester bags, wicker basket	Various alternatives widely available at supermarkets Novelty versions available on Amazon - eg SKL strawberry reusable bags £6.68 for 10 or AKORD strawberry reusable bags 50p for one.
Plastic plant pots	Plant pots made out of recycled tyres, coir or fibre or make your own paper pots	Traidcraft – www.traidcraft.co.uk from £9 for one recycled tyre plant pot or from Sarah Raven - www.sarahraven.com coir pots £3.95 for 6 or Vipot (plant fibre) pots 3 x 3L for £6.50. Paper potter makers from £9.99 on Amazon.
Plastic toothbrushes	Bamboo toothbrushes	Available at Green Ginger. Or on Amazon - £8 for 4.
Balloons	Lots of alternatives to releasing balloons	See alternative ideas at Balloons Blow – https://balloonsblow.org/environmentally-friendly-alternatives
Coffee capsules	Biodegradable capsules or use ground coffee instead which is cheaper and can be composted or used to control slugs	Eden project coffee capsules - available at Waitrose £3.50 for 10 or at www.edenproject.com/shop/drink/coffee
Toys and household items	Non-plastic toys and household items	Non-plastic toys available at Camomile Café (local café). Myriad natural toys and crafts at https://myriadonline.co.uk
Washing up pads and bath/shower scrubbers	Pads and scrubbers made out of loofahs	Available at Green Ginger. Or on Amazon – LoofCo Washing up pads – 2 for £6.87, Westeng Natural loofah for washing up or bath/shower - 5 pieces for £2.98 inc delivery, exfoliating bath pads from £4.86 for 2, facial cleansing pads £5.49 for 6, long reach bath scrubber £1.59
Sanitary products	Plastic-free pads and packaging	Available at Green Ginger. Or on Amazon – Naturacare pads 3 packs of 12 for £7.74, Naturacare panty liners 3 packs of 30 for £6.36
Soap/shampoo/laundry and cleaning liquids – liquid in plastic containers	Change from liquid shampoo/soap to solid bars eg solid dog shampoo, human hair shampoo and conditioner. Buy larger containers or use refill service.	Refill service for handwash, laundry liquid, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and surface cleaning liquids available from Green Ginger. Also, no wrap soap and shampoo bars. Or at Funky Soap Shop – bars from £2.80 https://www.funkysoapshop.com/PBCPPlayer.asp?ID=1583219

Our advice: start by changing 1 thing and build up! Simply get into the habit of looking for non plastic alternatives, it will soon become automatic. **Want to do even more?** Join Transcoco! Investigate local and national groups that are taking action, e.g. join the Transcoco litter pick on the 4th Saturday of every month at 10am at the Springfield Campus or organise one yourselves

Local Business Directory:

The following directory is intended as a local reference guide to shops/businesses/cafes that can help with reducing plastic waste. It is currently produced by Transcoco based on their own experiences. Please get in touch if:

- You are mentioned below and offer more than we have listed
 - You are keen to reduce plastic waste, or are already doing so, and would like to be in our directory!
- E-mail - transitioncorsham@gmail.com or look up Transcoco on Facebook

Always remember -

- Reduce - remember your reusable shopping bags, opt for refills, buy in bulk, refuse plastics that cause damage, e.g. straws, takeaway cups, utensils, balloons
- Reuse – what you already have
- Recycle – when it cannot be avoided dispose of your current plastic waste responsibly
- Ask! You will find that most places are happy to help if you explain what that you are trying to reduce your plastic waste.

Council Kerbside Recycling:

- You are now able to put lots more plastic items in your blue bin, including margarine tubs, juice cartons, plastic pots and much more. For more info see - <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling-new-services>

Co-op Supermarket:

- Have a recycling point for plastic bags.
- Many of Co-op's packaging such as cereal bags are also recyclable, check the packaging before binning
- Are happy to put loose fruit and vegetables through the tills in no bag

Toby Haynes Family Butchers:

- Sell cloth bags
- Accept reusable containers
- Provide meat wrapped in biodegradable and compostable paper
- Provide paper bags to carry your shopping in

May's Greengrocers:

- Provide paper bags for your loose fruit and vegetables
- May be able to offer a spare cardboard tray for your shopping or plants
- Are happy to put loose fruit and vegetables through the tills in no bag

Green Ginger:

- Offer lots of refillable products, including washing up liquid, shampoo, conditioner, hand wash, surface cleaning liquids
- Sell bulk products, such as oats, nuts, seeds, as well as herbs and spices. Paper bags are available.
- Sell many products loose, e.g. soap
- Sell products in cardboard packaging, such as laundry powder
- Sell machine washable cleaning cloths and sponges
- Sell flushable wet wipes, cardboard cotton buds, shampoo bars
- Sell natural material products such as toothbrushes, scrubbers, bamboo cloths, sanitary products, veg bags, toilet rolls with non-plastic packaging.

Deli:

- Accept reusable containers

The Pound:

- Offer 10% discount to customers who bring their own reusable hot drink cups
- Only use glasses/china for beverages

Cafe Corsham:

- No single use plastic stirrers, cutlery, straws, milk pots, sauce sachets
- Paper not plastic bags used
- Will fill customers' own reusable hot drink cups

Grounded:

- No single use plastic stirrers, cutlery, milk pots or sauce sachets
- Paper not plastic bags used. Boxes for takeaway food.
- Will fill customer's own reusable hot drink cups

Lowdens Farm Shop and Café:

- No single use plastic stirrers, cutlery
- Take out cups are biodegradable. Will also fill customers' own hot drink cups
- Deli pots compostable. Butchery has reusable sealable bags
- Sell large range of reusable food and drink containers also rugs made from recycled plastic bottles
- Continually try to reduce waste

Hare and Hounds pub:

- No single use plastic stirrers, cutlery, milk pots, sauce sachets
- No plastic drinks bottles, no plastic bags
- Use biodegradable hand towels
- Toilet rolls have no cardboard rolls and no plastic wrap

Previous Cafe and shop:

- No plastic stirrers, cutlery, straws, milk pots, sauce sachets
- No plastic bags, recycled paper bags, card boxes for takeaway
- Use biodegradable bin liners
- Use biodegradable takeaway cups and sell bamboo cups
- Sell natural bristle wooden brushes for washing up etc

VLP - Viva La Pizza:

- No plastic stirrers, cutlery, straws, milk pots, sauce sachets
- Will fill customers' own hot drink cups
- No plastic drinks bottles

Mr Pastry Bakery:

- No plastic stirrers, cutlery, crockery, milk pots, sauce sachets
- Only paper or biodegradable plastic bags

The Royal Oak:

- No plastic stirrers/cutlery/crockery/sauce sachets
- Use reusable containers and sandwich trays
- All adult drinks in glass bottles
- Buy large industrial sized bottles to refill hand soap, washing up liquid, floor cleaner

Flemish Weaver:

- No plastic stirrers/cutlery/crockery/sauce sachets
- Use compostable straws
- Takeaway hot drinks served in biodegradable cups and lids
- All bottles are glass and are recycled
- All cloths reusable, cleaning products bought in big containers that are then recycled
- All plant pots re-used by local nursery in Box
- Everything that can be recycled, is

Camomile Café:

- No plastic stirrers/cutlery/crockery
- Use paper straws
- No goods sold in plastic bags
- Use bulk containers of cleaning products where possible
- Aim to buy wooden/natural material toys for children's play areas where feasible

Parsons Bakery:

- No plastic stirrers, cutlery, crockery, straws, sauce sachets
- No single portion milk pots
- Will fill customers' own hot drink cups, sell own brand reusable cups
- All waste separated and sent to Head Office for bulk recycling
- Food waste avoided where possible, eg unsold bread used for bread pudding

Further afield:

- **Green Bumble** sell re-wraps, fabric squares coated in beeswax, jojoba oil and pine resin which can be used to replace single use plastic for wrapping sandwiches, bread, fruit/veg or for covering a bowl, etc. For prices and to order, email GreenBumbleUK@gmail.com or see website - www.greenbumble.co.uk
- **Planks Dairies** supply milk to your doorstep in glass bottles
- Larger supermarkets with deli/meat counters will let you use your own containers, e.g. Sainsbury's in Chippenham