

SINGLE-USE ITEMS FACTS

**THERE IS A NEW CITY BYLAW BANNING CERTAIN SINGLE-USE ITEMS
IN SPRUCE GROVE STARTING JANUARY 1, 2022.**

SINGLE-USE ITEMS

Single-use items are products used only once before they are thrown away.

They include paper and plastic checkout bags, plastic straws, take-out containers, coffee cups, stir sticks, disposable cutlery, sandwich bags, and more.

WHAT IS BANNED?

- Plastic checkout bags
- Polystyrene serving ware (e.g. Styrofoam)
- Plastic straws

DID YOU KNOW?

Spruce Grove residents throw away an average of 6.73 million* single-use items every year.

These items often cannot be recycled and end up littering our city, taking up space in our landfills, and causing long lasting environmental damage.

EXCEPTIONS

- Products sold for personal use or items sold in bulk e.g. black garbage bags, box of straws.
- Plastic straws or polystyrene distributed to individuals at hospitals, day program sites, and continuing care facilities.
- Plastic bags used to protect prepared foods, loose items, medications, dry cleaning, and some bulk items.
- Where beverages are served and consumed, businesses are required to provide an accessible plastic straw upon request. An accessible straw refers to a flexible plastic straw, individually wrapped in paper.
- Small paper bags (less than 660 cm² when flat).

FIND OUT MORE AT
[SPRUCEGROVE.ORG/SINGLEUSE](https://sprucegrove.org/singleuse)

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