

PHASING OUT SINGLE USE PLASTICS

What not to be used?

As per amendment PWM Rules notified by MoEF&CC on August 2021 following Single use items are restricted.

- polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration
- packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks,
- ice-cream sticks
- plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping ,stirrers
- plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron,

What is to be used?

- **Cotton bags:**

Natural cloth can replace plastic bags. Sustainable clothing made from organic cotton, wool, hemp, or bamboo won't shed plastic fibers when washed.



- **Bamboo:**

This fast-growing renewable resource can replace plastic in items like tableware and drinking straws. It is lightweight, durable, and compostable.



- **Wooden items:**

A renewable resource, wood from sustainably-managed forests can replace plastic in household items like cleaning brushes, kitchen utensils, and cutting boards.

- **Pottery and Other Ceramics:** pottery and other fired ceramics offer a stable, waterproof alternative that's good for food storage and tableware. Look for non-toxic glazes.



- **Compostable Plastics:**

“compostable plastics” mean plastic that undergoes degradation by biological processes during composting to yield CO₂, water, inorganic compounds and biomass at a rate consistent with other known compostable materials, excluding conventional petro-based plastics, and does not leave visible, distinguishable or toxic residue.

It is one of the alternatives of plastics. To encourage compostable plastics, CPCB has prepared a Standard operating procedure (SOP) for issuing of certificate to the manufacturers and seller of compostable plastics.

Applications of Compostable plastics in market:



What if you don't?

<p>Destroys Aesthetic beauty of the Nature.</p>	
<p>Penalty on use and littering of SUP items :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spot fine on waste generators Rs.500/-• Spot fine on institutional waste generators Rs.5000/-	

Who can impose the Fine?

- (1) The State Pollution Control Board and Pollution Control Committee can impose fine on defaulter producer of Single Use Plastic.
- (2) Local Bodies can impose fine on Retailer, Seller & User of Single Use Plastic.
- (3) Fines to be imposed in accordance with Guidelines for EC assessment prepared by CPCB.

What we can do?

- Do not use SUP and Lead by Example
- Ask your friends and family to join you in this drive
- Speak to City Council regarding awareness of uses plastic.

