

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 from £8.99 for 25, palm leaf bowls from £7.99 for 25, wheat fibre or sugar cane plates/bowls from £7.99 for 50, takeaway burger/clamshell box £8.99 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
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 or online on Amazon from approx. £12 or at 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
Thin plastic bags for fruit/veg in supermarkets	Net/mesh fruit and veg bags	Available on Amazon – e.g. BESTOMZ bags 12 for £10.59, Veggio bags 5 for £6.99
Cling film/plastic food bags	Beeswax food wraps – use to wrap sandwiches, fruit, veg or for covering a bowl	Green Bumble (local supplier) – email greenbumbleuk@gmail.com Upcoming 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 or try Amazon or eBay Paper potter makers from £9.99 on Amazon
Plastic toothbrushes	Bamboo toothbrushes	Available 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 on Amazon - £10.99 for 30
Toys and household items	Non-plastic toys and household items	Myriad – natural toys and crafts - https://myriadonline.co.uk
Washing up pads and bath/shower scrubbers	Pads and scrubbers made out of loofahs	Available 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 on Amazon – Naturacare pads 3 packs of 12 for £7.74 Naturacare panty liners 3 packs of 30 for £6.36
Soap/shampoo – liquid in plastic containers	Change from liquid shampoo/soap to solid bars eg solid dog shampoo, human hair shampoo and conditioner	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 and hand wash
- 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.

Deli:

- Accept reusable containers

The Pound:

- Offer discounts to customers who bring their own reusable hot drink cups
- Will refill water bottles
- Only use glasses/china for beverages

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
- **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

Further afield (continued):

Lowden's Garden Centre and Farm Shop

- Gift shop sells good range of reusable bottles and cups as well as rugs made from recycled fibres
- Plastic bags are avoided in all departments, paper bags used instead. Butchery uses sealable freezer ready paper bags
- Deli uses pots made of 100% plant based compostable material
- Local produce sold including craft beers, cider, English wine