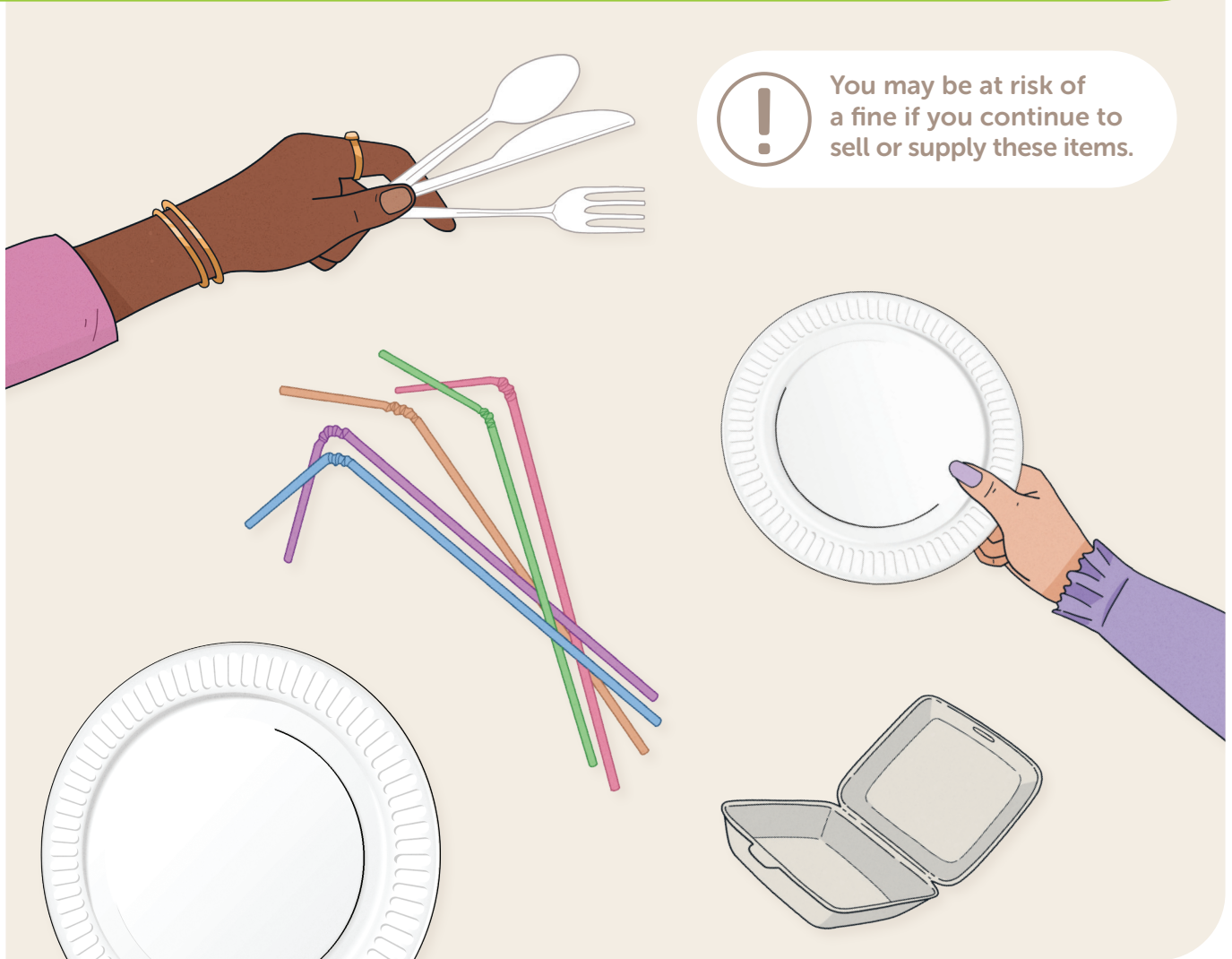


IT'S TIME TO SWAP OUT THESE PLASTIC PRODUCTS

In February 2023 the Victorian State Government will ban some plastic products.

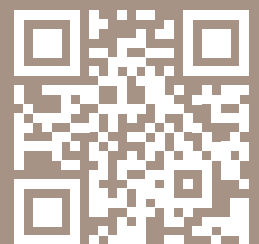
This means businesses will no longer be able to sell or provide these items to customers.



You may be at risk of a fine if you continue to sell or supply these items.

WHAT IS BEING BANNED?

- ✗ plastic drinking straws
- ✗ plastic cutlery including knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks, sporks, splades, and food picks
- ✗ plastic plates
- ✗ plastic drink stirrers and sticks
- ✗ plastic cotton bud sticks
- ✗ expanded polystyrene containers, such as clamshells



Scan the QR code to learn more ↗

THE ROAD TO REUSABLES

You can future-proof your business against further bans by introducing reusable options.

BANNED

From FEB 2023



- ✗ Made from fossil fuels
- ✗ Can't be recycled in council bins
- ✗ Single use
- ✗ End up in the environment as litter

TIPS TO GET AHEAD

Use up your stock

Start using up your supplies of these items now while shopping around for alternatives.

Get your customers ready for the ban

Educate and encourage your customers to use their own reusable swaps – at no cost to you.

BETTER

Plastic-free alternatives



- ✓ Made from renewable materials
- ✓ Biodegradable
- ✗ Can't be recycled in council FOGO bins
- ✗ Single use
- ✗ Still end up in the environment as litter or in landfill

TIPS TO GET AHEAD

Watch out for plastic lining

Some paper packaging has plastic or bioplastic lining. These are not biodegradable or recyclable.

Consider if it's needed

Challenge your customers to think about waste by no longer providing items that aren't essential.

BEST

Reusable options



Encouraging customers to bring reusables from home, or setting up a reusable container scheme has many benefits

- ✓ No more recurring costs of single-use items
- ✓ Save money by reducing your waste output
- ✓ Keep costs down by encouraging customers to bring their own containers & cutlery
- ✓ Options for recycling

TIPS TO GET AHEAD

Get creative

Some of the best reusable schemes are the simplest and cheapest. Can you provide a 'library' of op-shop cups or cutlery?

Look for funding support

Sustainability Victoria may have funding to support your move to reusables.



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