

Compliance Checklist

USC Single-use Plastics Elimination – Beverage Bottles Policy

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Below is a checklist for 3rd party vendors/caterers/suppliers who do/wish to do business with/on USC property, to ensure compliance with the [USC Single-use Plastics Elimination – Beverage Bottles Policy](#).

This university-wide policy calls for the elimination of single-use plastic beverage/water bottle products from:

- All beverage bottle purchases made with USC funds or for use in USC operations
- All functions held in association with USC, whether USC Funds are utilized or not
- All facilities and operations across HSC and UPC, as well as off campus operations

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As of July 1, 2022 all entities *shall no longer*:

- Sell single-use plastic beverage products for university use.
- Utilize/distribute single-use plastic beverage bottles on USC property, or for USC related events (held on USC property or offsite)

In order to continue beverage sales on/to the USC community, entities *must*:

- Sell/provide policy-compliant beverage products (examples of alternatives laid out below)
- And/or
- Provide options such as refillable/reusable beverage product alternatives (see alternatives listed below)

If you believe you have a single-use plastic beverage product that is “essential” and has no replacement, please use the Policy Transition Request form to request additional support or contact PlasticFreeUSC@usc.edu with any questions.

For more information please visit:


- [Single-use Plastics Elimination – Beverage Bottles Policy](#)
- [Policy FAQ sheet](#)
- [USC Sustainability webpage on plastic bottle elimination](#)
- **Please refer to the following page for key terms, and single-use plastic beverage bottle alternatives and resources.**

Key Terms and Resources

Single-use Plastic Beverage Bottle: a beverage/water bottle product made from plastics that is designed for one time use. Identified by the plastic code on the bottom of the bottle or on the packaging.

The most common single-use plastic beverage product is Polyethylene, it can be identified by:

1. Plastic code #1 PET. Most common for standard water and soft drink products
2. Plastic code #2 HDPE. Second most common, and usually found in items such as milk jugs.

1 PET	2 PE-HD	3 PVC	4 PE-LD	5 PP	6 PS	7 O
Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET, PETE)	High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)	Polyvinyl Chloride (V)	Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)	Polypropylene (PP)	Polystyrene (PS)	Other (O)
Soft drink, Water and salad dressing bottles; peanut butter and jam jars	Milk, juice and water bottles; yogurt and margarine tubs; trash and retail bags.	Juice bottles; cling films; PVC piping	Frozen food bags; squeezable bottles, e.g. honey, mustard; cling films; flexible container lids.	Reusable microwaveable ware; kitchenware; yogurt containers; margarine tubs; microwaveable disposable take-away containers; disposable cups and plates.	Egg cartons; packing peanuts; Styrofoam; disposable cups, plates, trays and cutlery; disposable take-away containers; yogurt and margarine containers	Beverage bottles; baby milk bottles.
						

Suitable product alternatives include:

- Aluminum
- Glass (glass products are prohibited for certain campus events such as tailgating)
- Reusables/refillable options
 - o water refill stations, fountain drinks, reusable drink containers

Examples of compliant beverage alternatives that will be utilized on campus.

