

Waste Services

Single-use Item Reduction Strategy (CO01033)

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Background

- 25-year Waste Strategy: commitment to ban plastic bags and plastic straws

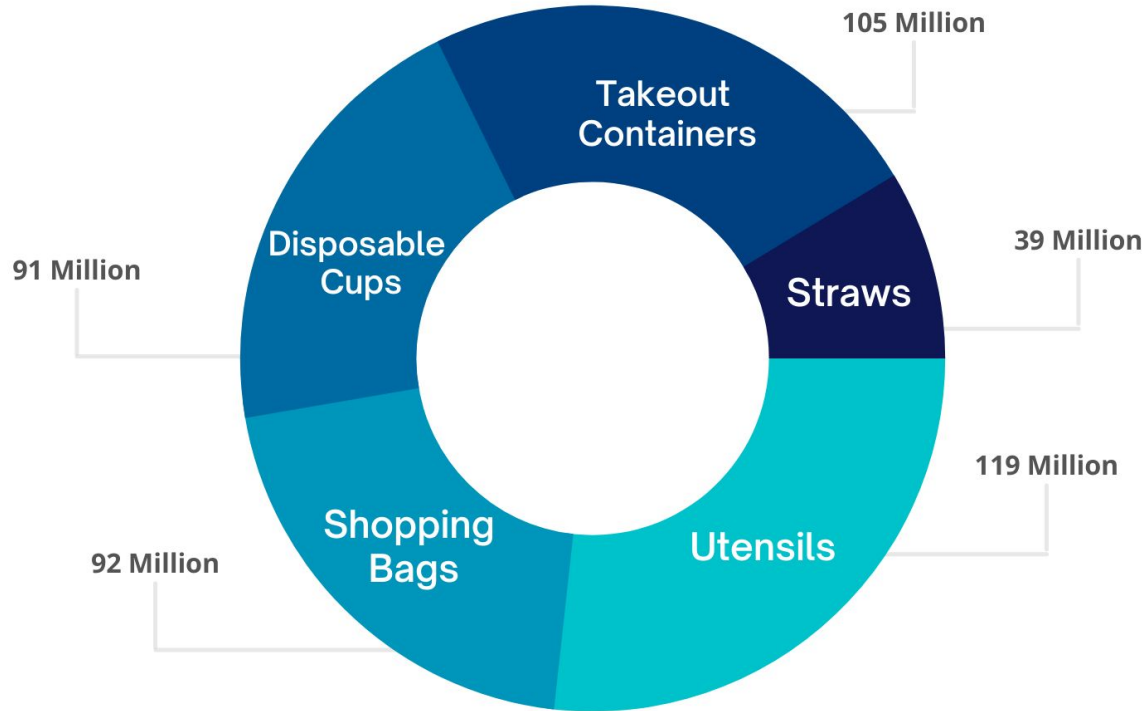


- Waste Reduction Roadmap: reaffirmed commitment to a single-use item reduction plan and bylaw



Need to Reduce Single-use Items

An estimated 450 million single-use items are disposed every year.



Approach

- Edmonton's Plan to Reduce Single-use Items describes:
 - ◆ need for regulation
 - ◆ role of complementary voluntary programs
 - ◆ need for programs to support equity-seeking groups
 - ◆ importance of effective communication and outreach campaign



Recommended Bylaw Direction

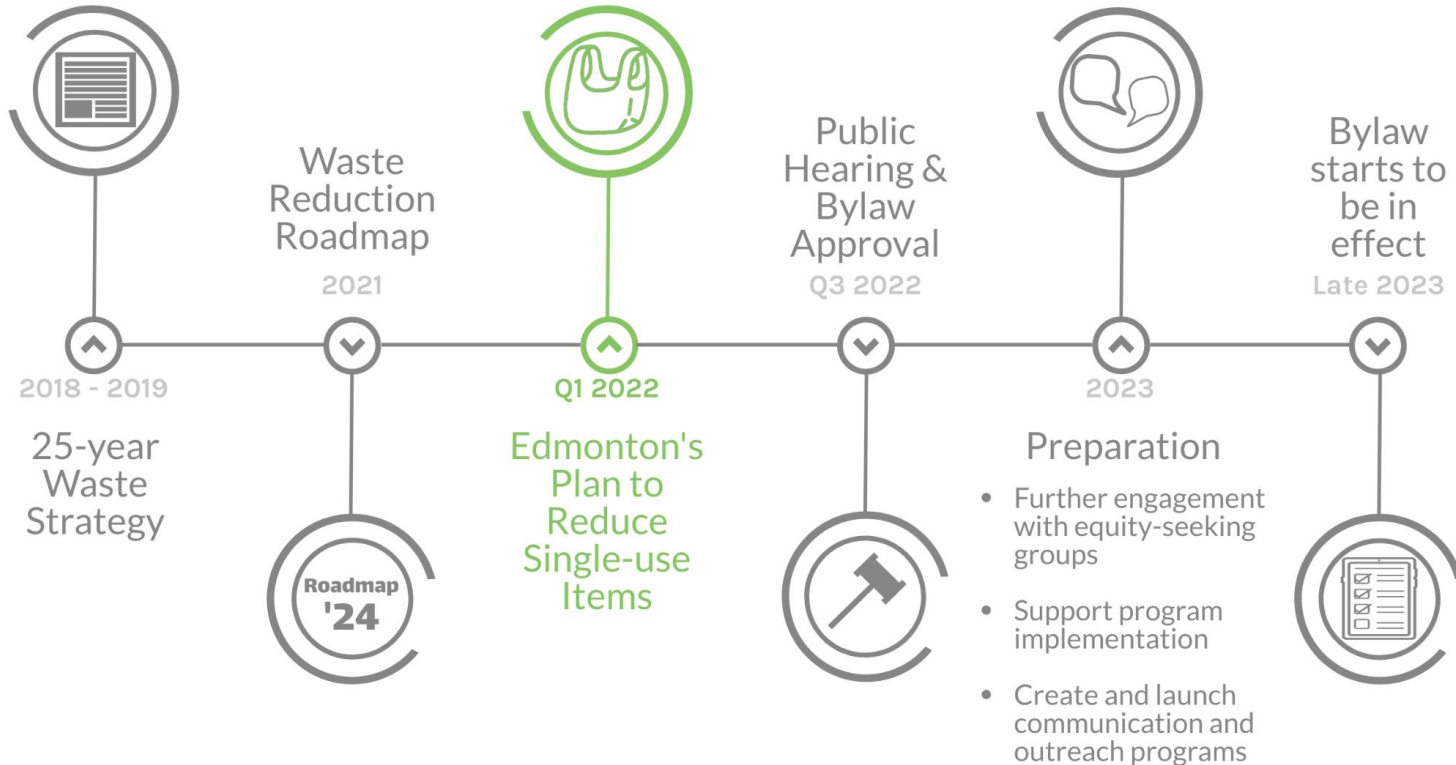
Single-use Item	Recommended Direction
Shopping Bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ban on plastic shopping bags● Fees on paper and new reusable shopping bags
Polystyrene Foam Serveware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ban
Foodware Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Available on request● Provide only the accessories requested
Single-use Drink Cups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Require dine-in beverage orders at restaurants be served in reusable cups● Require restaurants to accept customer cups for dine-in and takeout orders

Equity

- Fees are far more effective than discounts or voluntary measures at driving behavior change
- However, fees can disproportionately impact people who have limited or no capacity to plan for, prepare and clean reusable alternatives
 - ◆ E.g. people experiencing homelessness, low-wage earners, single parent households
- Goal is to reduce single-use items *and* minimize unintended negative consequences



Implementation Timeline





Thank you

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