

City Operations

Edmonton

Single-use Item Reduction Bylaw Implementation Update

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History

- September 2019: 25-year Waste Strategy
 - 20% waste reduction per capita
 - Ban plastic bags and plastic straws



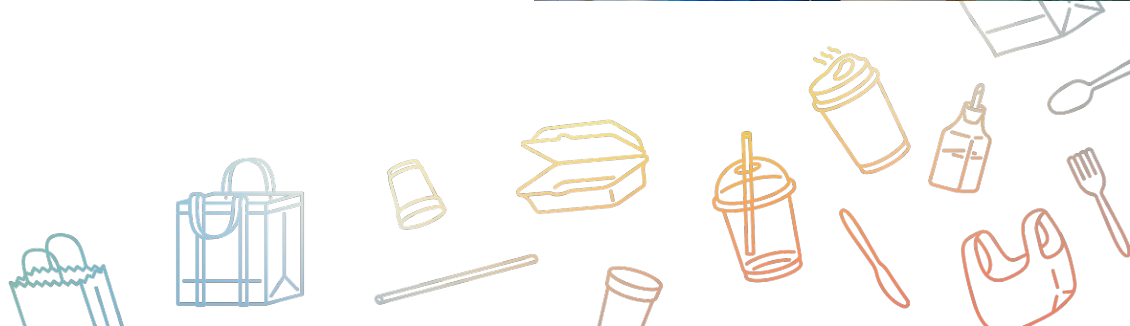
- May 2021: Waste Reduction Roadmap
 - Reaffirmed commitment to a single-use item reduction plan and bylaw

- March 2022: Edmonton's Plan to Reduce Single-Use Items
- October 4, 2022: Single-use Item Reduction Bylaw passed the public hearing and was approved by Council
- July 1, 2023: Single-use Item Reduction Bylaw took effect



Preparing for Bylaw Implementation

- Extensive public communications
- In-person outreach team
- Single-use Item Reduction Grant
- Dedicated email account for business support
- 311/Waste Customer Support Team



Preparing for Bylaw Implementation

Edmonton's Single-use Item Reduction Bylaw takes effect July 1, 2023

It will help reduce waste by targeting items that can be easily replaced with reusable options or avoided altogether. Registered charities and some types of businesses are currently exempt from the bylaw. Find tools to help your business adapt at edmonton.ca/SingleUse

As of July 1, 2023:

- Single-use plastic shopping bags can no longer be distributed.
- Businesses must charge at least 15¢ for paper shopping bags.*
- Businesses must charge at least \$1 for new reusable shopping bags.**
- Foam plates, cups, bowls, containers, etc. can no longer be used.
- Businesses may only provide utensils, straws, condiment packets and napkins by request or by self-serve.
- Businesses must serve dine-in drinks in reusable cups.
- Businesses must develop and follow a policy for accepting reusable customer cups.

*Or use 1,000¢ (reusable items will increase to 25¢ for paper bags) and \$2 for new reusable bags.

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Letter to businesses

Single-use Item Reduction Bylaw Guide

Bylaw 20117
Updated October 2022

Bylaw guide

Is that to stay?
Enjoy your drink in our reusable cup.

Is that to go?
We can put your drink in your own clean, reusable cup.

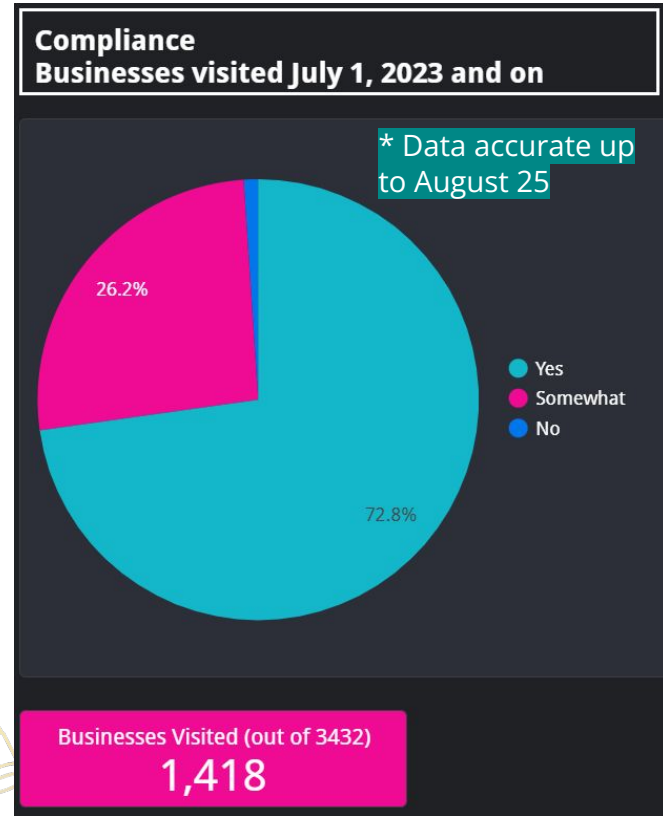
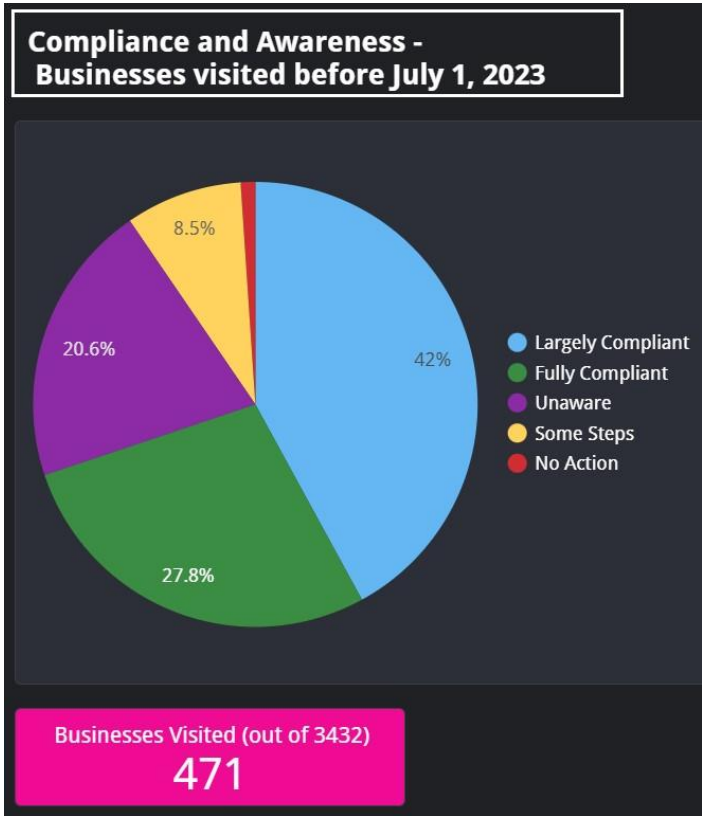
Need napkins, cutlery, condiments, straws, etc.?
Please ask!

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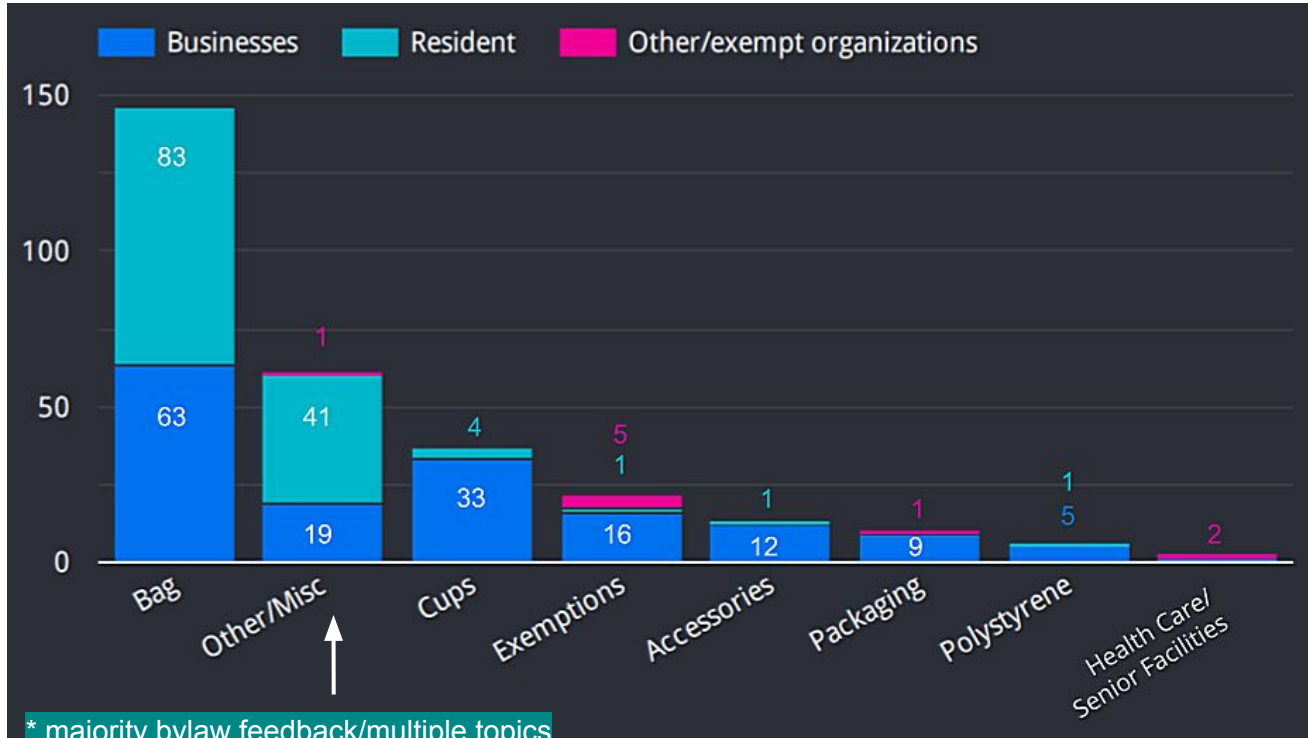
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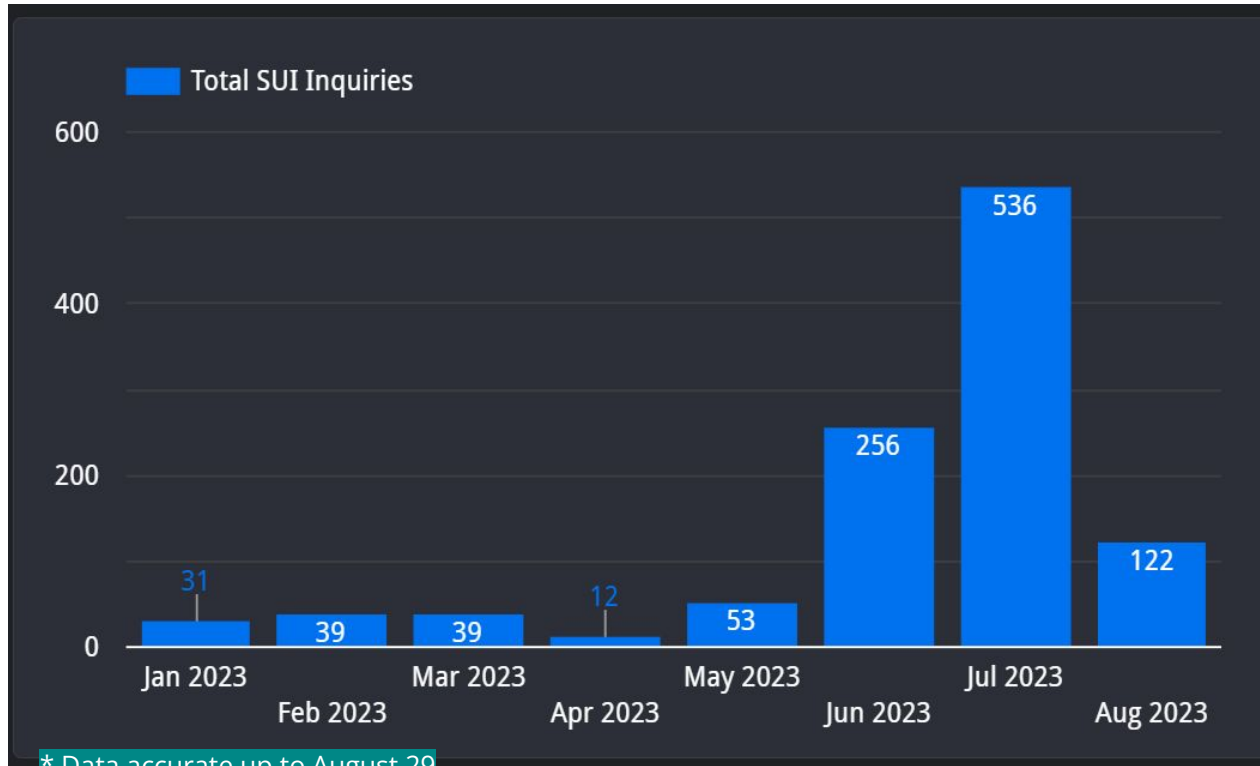
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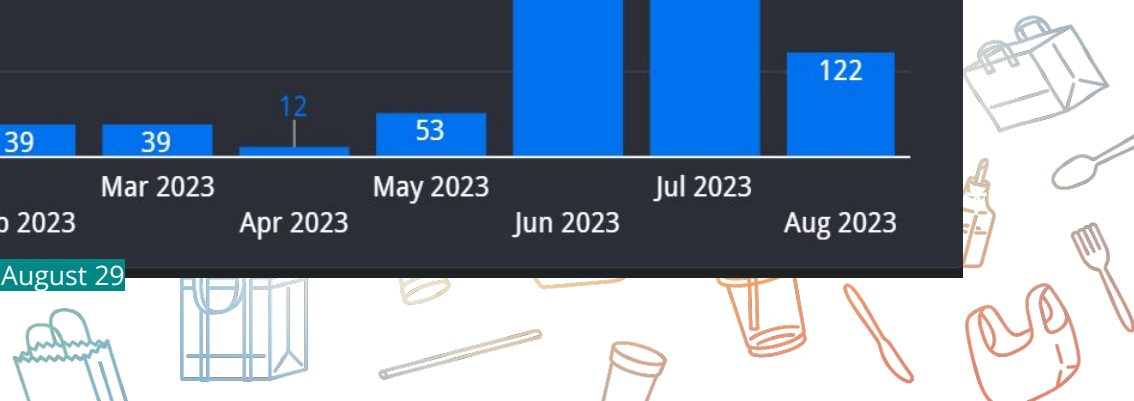
Early Observations - Inquiry Topics



Early Observations - Inquiry Statistics



* Data accurate up to August 29

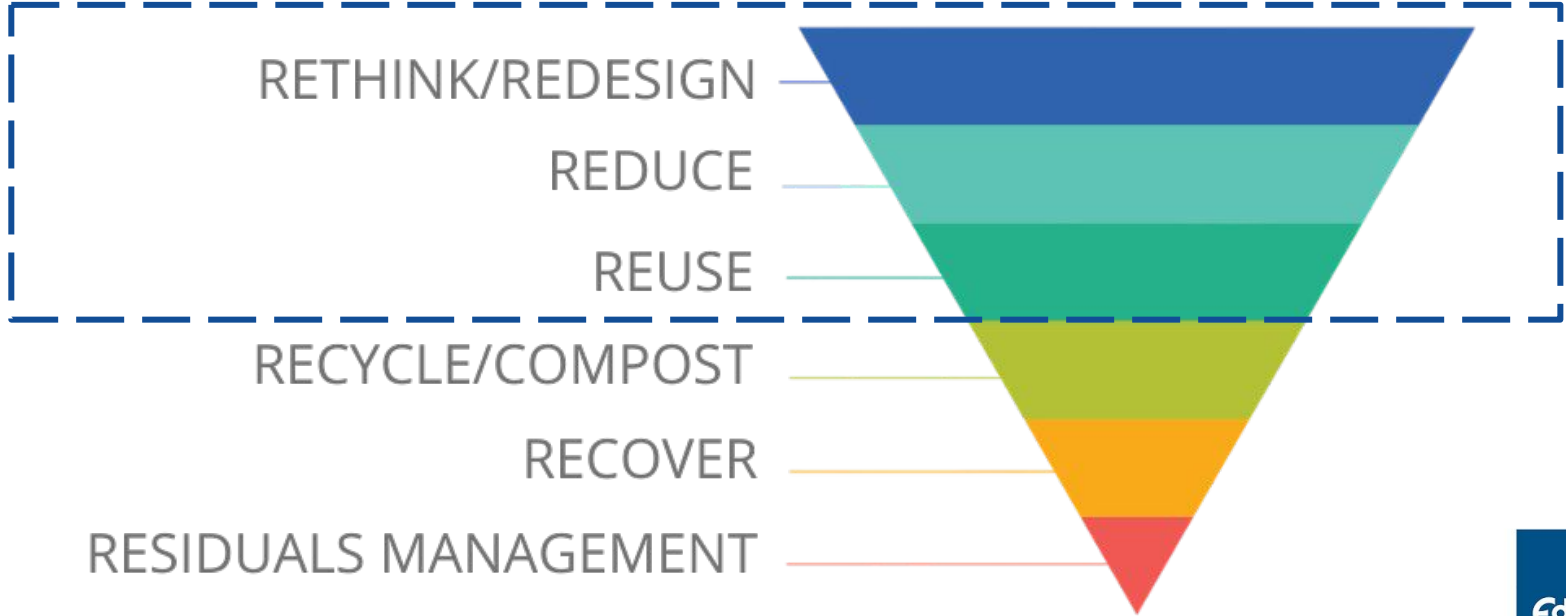


What's Next

- New phase of federal single-use plastic regulation December 20
- SUI regulations in other municipalities taking effect
- Bylaw update process starting in November to align with federal regulation
- Waste characterization studies for SUI ongoing



Committing to the Waste Hierarchy



Questions?

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