

4SLC - Single Use Plastic Policy

Plastic waste is one of the greatest environmental challenges facing the world today. The UK government estimates that there are currently more than 150m tonnes of plastic in the world's oceans, and that some 100,000 sea mammals and one million birds die from eating or becoming tangled in plastic waste each year.

What are single-use plastics?

Single-use plastics can include any disposable plastic item which is designed to be used only once, such as plastic bags, disposable utensils, beverage containers, coffee capsules, wet wipes, disposable nappies, plastic drinks bottles, food wrappers, bottle tops, straws, stirrers and plastic lids.

What will 4SLC Do?

We are committed to tackling the plastic waste problem by taking responsibility for its own impact on the environment and society. We will work with staff, volunteers and partners to eliminate the use of single-use plastics across our operations and services and pro-actively work with partners to find positive solutions for reducing unnecessary waste plastic.

4SLC will endeavour to:

- Eliminate all non-reusable or non-recyclable Single Use Plastics from its operations / activities
- Reduce use of plastics where possible; and
- Recycle plastics and other recyclable materials where possible. In addition, we will seek to purchase materials from environmentally friendly or renewable sources (for example, printer paper and toilet rolls).

4SLC will:

- work with partners and those hiring our facilities to provide alternative solutions to single use plastics;
- use government legislation that regulates against the use of single-use plastics to support our efforts where we can. Where the use of plastics is unavoidable, we will encourage the use of recycled plastics, where practicable.