

**Waste**

**(WS04)**

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| **Fact Sheet WS04: Reduce unnecessary waste by using, durable, reusable and bulk items rather than disposable or single-use products** |
| **Overview** |
| *Objective* | * Reduce the use of single use items
* Waste reduction
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| *Action* | * Reduce or eliminate the use of single-use items such as paper napkins and disposable plates, cups, cutlery, place mats, aprons and cook hats. In most cases, disposable items can be easily and cost-effectively replaced with durable items. For example, use durable coasters instead of paper napkins that must be replaced with every drink.
* Reduce the use of plastic film by purchasing durable plastic containers to store food in refrigerators and freezers.
* Where possible, use cloth cleaning rags instead of disposable paper towels or disposable J-cloths.
* Replace paper napkins and table coverings with linen.
* Use cloth bags or baskets instead of plastic bags to collect and return guest laundry and guestroom towels and linens.
* Use refillable amenity dispensers in guest bathrooms.
* Collect yard waste in canvas bags, wheelbarrows or carts rather than in disposable plastic bags.
* Purchase and install bulk dispensing systems for guest amenities and cleaning products instead of using disposable individual containers.
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| *Key Challenges* | * Lack of awareness of single use plastic impact on the environment
* Possibility of no alternative for products packed in single use plastic or single use plastic products
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| *Regulatory Aspects* | None  |
| **Process** |
| *Complexity* | Low to Moderate  |
| *Equipment & Material*  | Reusable utensils |
| *Human Resources* | HSE  |
| **Considerations** |
| *Advantages* | * Waste Reduction
* Decrease cost of waste handling and disposable
* Replacing single-use products with durable alternatives can often generate substantial cost savings.
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| *Disadvantages* | Search for single use products alternatives |
| **Impact/Benefits** |
| *Environmental* | Minimize the single use items waste that escapes to the environment |
| *Employment Opportunities* | None |