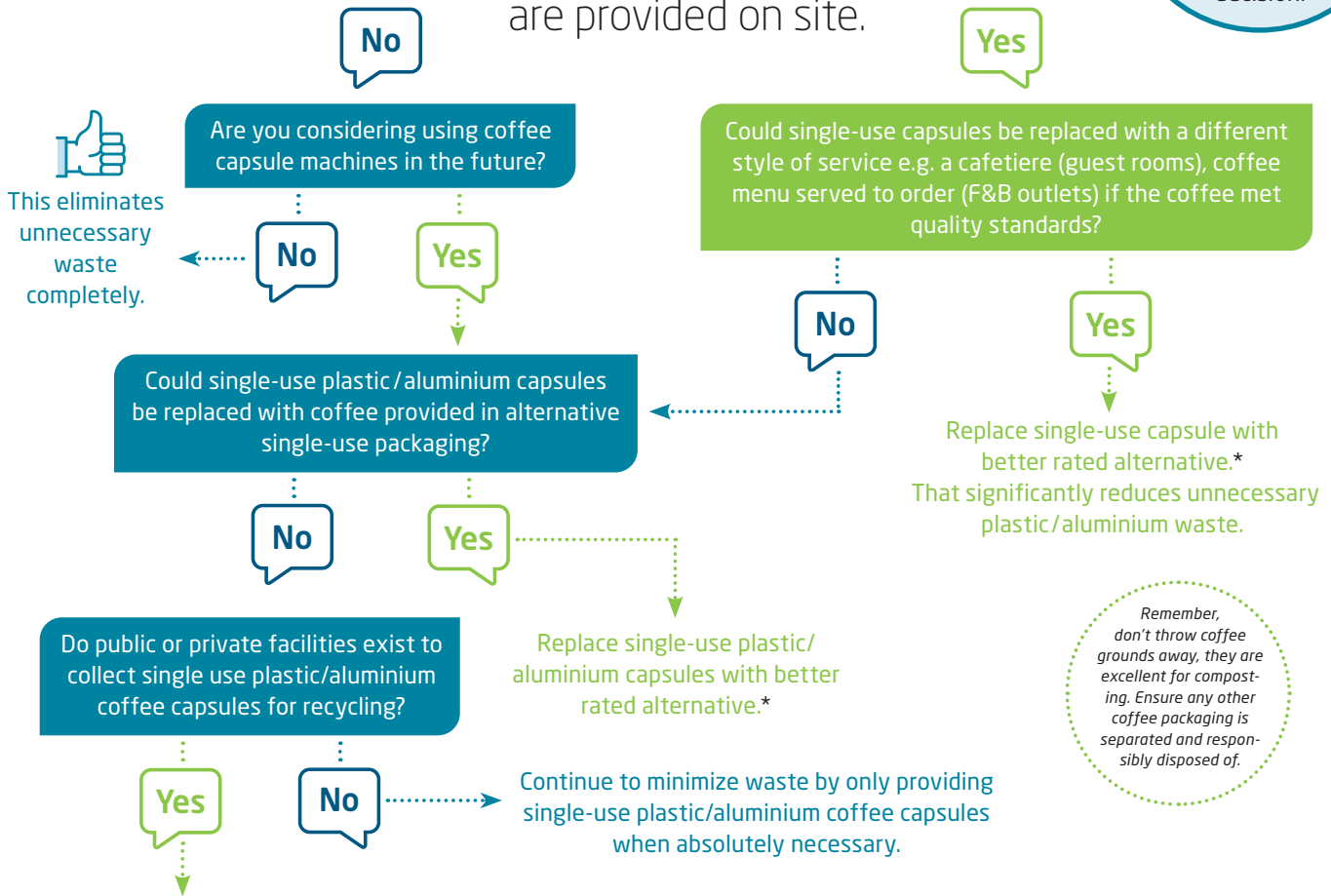


Decision tree for coffee capsules

* See our Sustainability Ratings Chart and Standard Operating Procedure Booklet to make a more informed decision.

Single-use plastic/ aluminium coffee capsules are provided on site.



Create procedures to ensure that single-use plastic/aluminium coffee capsules are separated for recycling. Check with your waste disposal contractor to make sure that recycling actually takes place.

WASTE	HOW TO DISPOSE OF
Plastic capsules with recycled content	→ Remove coffee grounds and separate for collection with plastic recycling.
Capsules made of bio-based materials	→ Separate for specialist collection at an industrial facility if facility exists. If facilities do not exist, avoid these materials. If you must use them, dispose of with general waste. Do NOT home compost!
Coffee bags composed of paper with aluminium foil	→ Separate for collection with plastic (aluminium) and paper recycling.
Paper sachets	→ Separate for collection with paper recycling.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Many capsules are made from aluminium which is extremely resource intensive to extract.
- Even if capsules are disposed of with aluminium recycling, they are so small, they often fall through the cracks in recycling facilities and end up in landfill or being incinerated.
- If capsules were captured at recycling plants, they would need to be washed to remove coffee residue before they could be recycled.
- Coffee bags composed of multiple materials (e.g. paper with aluminium foil) makes the recovery process of these containers difficult.
- Paper sachets lined with foil are often used to package loose coffee or coffee bags (similar to a teabag) in order to keep the coffee fresh and maintain the flavour profile.
- Similar to the capsules, sachets are so small that even if they can be processed at waste management facilities they often fall through the cracks and also end up in landfill or being incinerated.