



Decision tree for single-use gloves

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

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This eliminates unnecessary waste completely.

Are single-use gloves currently used on the premises?

Yes

No

Are ALL single-use gloves used because it is required by legislation?

Answer NO if some single-use gloves are still used but legislation does not oblige you to use them.

Yes

No

Could the single-use gloves be replaced with reusable gloves and still allow you to comply with legislation?

Could the single-use gloves that you still use be replaced with hygiene procedures such as handwashing and disinfection protocols?

No

Yes

No

Yes

Use reusable gloves until they are no longer suitable for purpose.

Replace single-use gloves with better rated alternative.* Depending on your choice you will eliminate or significantly reduce single-use plastic.

Do public / private facilities exist to separate the single-use gloves and/or bottles you do use for recycling?

Some private companies offer PPE collection, products are processed and upcycled as part of a circular economy approach.

No

Yes

Separate gloves for recycling / upcycling.

Dispose of used gloves responsibly to prevent them from becoming litter. If gloves have been used to clean hazardous waste dispose of in accordance with local regulations for hazardous waste.

PLEASE NOTE:

- It is worth bearing in mind that some staff may be allergic to latex and you may require different materials if single-use gloves need to be used on your premises.
- The disposal of single-use gloves should follow local regulations, particularly for gloves that may have been contaminated.
- As the issue of discarded PPE continues to grow, some private businesses are providing PPE collection services and turning used gloves, masks and aprons into new products. It is worth checking to see if such facilities are available in your destination.
- In all instances, please make every effort to ensure that gloves are disposed of in such a way that they will not become plastic pollution.

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