

Why is it necessary to reduce single use plastic products consumption?

- Over 80% of waste collected on beaches in the European Union is made of plastic and, out of this amount, half is represented by single use plastic objects
- In Italy, between 6 and 7 billion plastic glasses are used every year, and these glasses represent 20% of marine litter
- Each person consumes about 2 kgs of single use plastic cutlery every year, which remain in the environment for at least 50 years.

Single use plastic products easily turn into litter and are often left in the environment. It is therefore important to replace them with reusable alternatives or, when this is not possible, with compostable alternatives, in compliance with the European Single Use Plastics Directive.

Visit Aprica's website for more information: <https://www.apricaspa.it>

You can find the calendars for sorted waste collection based on your address at this link: <https://serviziona.a2ambiente.eu/servizi-di-zona/public/?param=Bergamo>

In the "Dove lo butto?" webpage, you can find all the answers to your doubts about waste sorting <https://www.apricaspa.it/cittadini/bergamo/dove-lo-butto>

Download the **PULIAMO** app to carry all the information with you about sorted waste collection!



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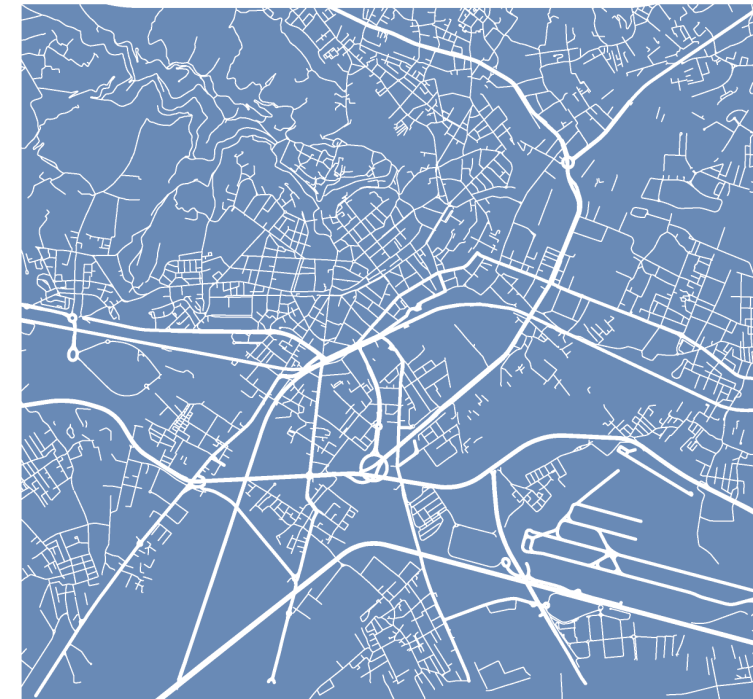


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Really eth(n)ic

Reducing single use plastic consumption and improving waste sorting quality in ethnically characterized restaurants



REALLY ETH(N)IC

Hi! The “Really eth(n)ic” project needs your help to understand how restaurant owners in Bergamo, Brescia and Milan deal with waste sorting and with the introduction of the European Single Use Plastics Directive, which bans the use of some single use plastic products such as plates, cutlery, straws and some food and beverage containers.

Taking part in the project is easy!

Let us chat with you about sorted waste collection and single use plastic products for food service. We will try to clear up any doubts you might have, and we'll ask you to help us understand how to make things easier for you and other restaurant owners in your city. Also, after the first interview we will provide you with free compostable food bags to try and replace the ones you currently use. After a testing phase, we will come back to receive your feedback and comments. All participants will receive a certificate of participation to prove they put much effort in the improvement of their city's environment!

Some of our questions are:

- What single use plastic products do you use for in-store consumption, delivery and take-away services?
- Do you know the reusable or compostable alternatives to these products? Do you use them?
- Do you know the European Single Use Plastics Directive, which bans the use of some of these products?
- Do you have any doubts about waste sorting for the waste collection system of your city?

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Your contribution is vital!

Why is sorted waste collection important?

With the materials that were collected through sorted waste collection in Bergamo in 2019, it would be possible to produce:

- From plastic, 19.700 benches or more than one million fleece sweatshirts
- From glass, almost 7,5 million bottles
- From paper, more than 50 million cardboard boxes
- From aluminium, 281.500 moka-like coffee makers
- From organic waste, 2.000 tons of compost

In Bergamo, sorted waste collection rate is constantly on the rise:

- From 49,3% in 2007 to 73,2% in 2020
- In April 2021 it stood at 77,7%
- Sorted waste collection on territories served by Aprica amounts to 74,9%
- Nothing ends up in landfills: all waste that cannot be recycled is destined to waste-to-energy recovery

What happens to sorted waste after it is collected by Aprica throughout the city of Bergamo?

