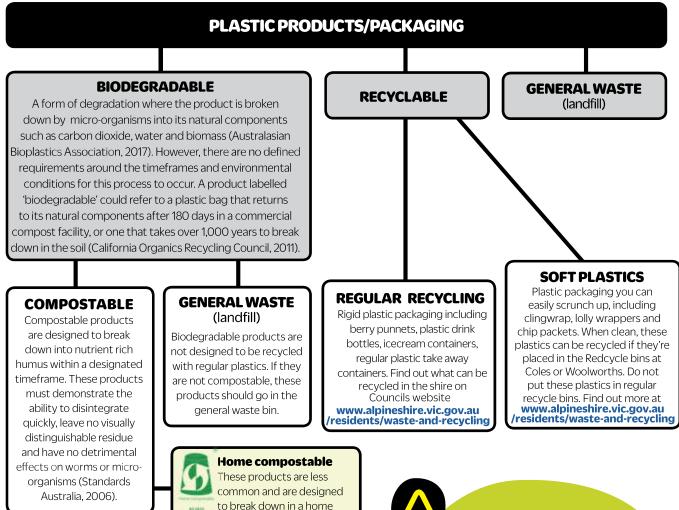
Managing plastic waste - where does it go?

With a diversity of plastic products available, knowing what to do with them at the end of their use can be difficult. Regardless of how we dispose of them, plastics are very long lasting, so the best option is to avoid single use plastics altogether!



Commercially compostable

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The majority of compostable products currently available are only compostable in commercial facilities, which are able to maintain sustained high temperatures.

*The Australasian Bioplastics
Association has developed logos to
help identify products that can be
industrially composted and home
composted – but these are optional
for product manufacturers to use.

compost bin.

Council does not currently have a local collection point or commercial facility for managing compostable waste. Some event organisers have successfully worked with organic waste contractors to arrange this.



DEGRADABLE PRODUCTS – AVOID THEM!

Plastics labelled degradable might sound like a good idea, but this is a general term given to any product that breaks up into smaller pieces via natural processes. This could be through exposure to light, exposure to temperature or by micro-organisms. Over time, these products may degrade to plastic particles invisible to the naked eye, but the pieces still exist (1 Million Women, 2018) - adding to the increasing problem of microplastics in the environment.