ENVIRONMENT · A3 WASTE · ATTRIBUTE ENV-12

Single-use plastics removed

Which throwaway plastic items you have stopped using: water bottles, straws, stirrers, miniature toiletries, plastic cups and cutlery, polystyrene boxes.

HOW OFTEN	EVIDENCE	ENTERED BY	TYPE
When it changes	Checklist / photos	The property	In place or not

Why it matters

Single-use plastic is used for minutes and lasts for centuries. Much of it cannot be recycled in practice, and a share ends up in rivers and the sea, where it harms wildlife. Hotels hand out large quantities, so removing it makes a visible difference.

How to do better

- Start with what guests see: bottles, straws and bathroom miniatures.
- Replace with something reusable, not with another throwaway item.
- Offer drinking water in glass bottles or from refill points.
- Walk the property once a year and list what throwaway plastic remains.

How to record it in Canoprise

1. Walk the property with the checklist: bottles, straws, stirrers, individual amenities, food-service items.
2. Tick what has been removed and list what remains and why.
3. Attach photos and repeat when anything changes.

What you enter

Ref	What to enter	How it is entered
ENV-12.1	**Single-use plastics removed**	Yes / no
ENV-12.2	No plastic straws / stirrers	Yes / no
ENV-12.3	No single-use plastic water bottles	Yes / no
ENV-12.4	Amenities in dispensers	Yes / no
ENV-12.5	No single-use food-service items	Yes / no
ENV-12.6	≤5 individually packaged F&B item types	Yes / no
ENV-12.7	Remaining single-use items	Short text

Items marked “calculated for you” need no entry.

How it is scored

In place or not. It scores 100 when the practice is in place with evidence attached, and 0 when it is not.

COMMON MISTAKE

Replacing plastic with another single-use material and counting it as removed.

WHAT GOOD LOOKS LIKE

A dated checklist showing what has gone and a plan for what remains.

IF YOU ARE WORKING TOWARDS A CERTIFICATE

Many certification schemes require straws, stirrers, single-use water bottles and miniature toiletries to be removed. Requirements differ between schemes and change over time, so check the one you are applying to.

Where it counts

Certification

- WTTC Basics 8: No plastic straws or stirrers
- WTTC Basics 9: No single-use plastic water bottles
- WTTC Basics 10: Bulk amenity dispensers
- GSTC Hotel v4 D6: Solid waste (in part)
- Green Key 5.8: No single-use food-service items
- Green Key 5.9: No more than 5 individually packaged items
- Green Key 5.10: Toiletries in dispensers
- Green Key 5.11: Fewer single-use amenities
- EarthCheck 2.3.8: Solid waste

Reporting frameworks (referenced, not scored)

- GRI 306-2: Managing significant waste impacts (in part)
- CSRD E5: Resource use and circular economy (in part)

Part of topic guide A3 Waste, which covers the whole topic and lists the certification criteria it supports.