

INTERESTING



SWEDEN

Pressbyrån and 7-Eleven chains have started a campaign giving a discount on takeaway coffee to customers that bring their coffee mug.

A lot of municipalities and public authorities has changed their procurement requirements in order to remove unnecessary plastic products and replace them with products from non-fossil and renewable sources as much as possible. (Source: "EN PLASTFRI

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In Europe, where the organic food market is growing by 5-7 per cent a year, Sweden ranks at the top of the green shoppers list. A study by the European Commission found that 40 per cent of Swedes had purchased an eco-labelled item in the past month, which is more often than the European average.



LITHUANIA

There is 453 kg of waste per capita in Lithuania. Since 2019 Lithuania is trying to reduce the plastic waste by charging for the plastic bags in supermarkets as well as promoting the usage of paper bags. Companies like Maxima, the retail giant is even offering the option of getting your groceries delivered at home in a paper bag. Another way that Lithuanians are refusing the plastic bags at shops is by using the textile bags that are priced almost the same.

In Lithuania during the summer there are several festivals organized and many tourists come and spend time by the sea. In order to discourage the use of single use cutlery the stores in Lithuania have stopped selling non disposable cutlery sets and instead they

are offering alternatives of disposable sugar cane plastic. Also, many online stores are offering metal straws as a solution to the single use straw that is still being used.

Lithuanian tap water is among the cleanest in Europe, because 100% of it is taken from abundant underground sources sheltered from human interference. This is an encouraging fact to bring your own reusable bottle and to refill it anywhere even in the public water fountains. If it happens to buy a plastic bottle, refuse to throw it away and do like 92% of Lithuanians that deposit their plastic bottles in the disposing machines near any of the shopping centers.