

# QC officials eye ban on single-use plastics

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Quezon City Mayor **Joy Belmonte** and Vice Mayor **Gian Sotto** are eyeing a ban on single-use plastics as the first law to be passed under their administration. “Single-use plastic straws take 500 years to decompose in a landfill, so we should shift to paper or metal straws,” Belmonte said on Monday. Other proposals that were being eyed included practicing proper waste disposal and segregation, reducing dependence on cars powered by fossil fuels, and engaging in urban farming in school backyards without the use of chemical fertilizers. “These simple things can help the future generation which hopefully won’t experience drastic weather changes like what we have now,” Belmonte said.