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QC bans single-use plastics in city hall

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THE Quezon City government imposed a ban on disposables and single-use plastic (SUPs) bags, packaging and cutlery at the city hall and government-run facilities.

Mayor Joy Belmonte said the use of plastic bags and packaging, styrofoam (polystyrene materials), disposable dishware such as paper plates, plastic utensils, PET bottles, plastic and paper cups will no longer be allowed inside Quezon City Hall buildings and other city-owned facilities starting April 21, 2025.

Belmonte said government employees are now required to bring their own ecobags, reusable containers and utensils when buying food or drinks.

“Non-biodegradable and single-use plastics take thousands of years to break down, polluting our land and waterways in the process. Studies now show that microplastics have made their way into our food, drinking water and even our soil —posing serious health risks to our communities,” Belmonte said.

She added plastic waste clogs drainage systems and contributes to severe flooding, as seen and experienced during typhoons.

“Plastic pollution is a growing crisis that endangers our health, our economy, and especially the well-being of our most vulnerable communities. Plastic even chokes our marine animals,” she said.