# Wimbledon is cutting back on plastic at this year's tournament

(CNN)Wimbledon is hoping to cut down on the amount of plastic waste generated at this year's tennis championships.

One big change is that all of the water bottles sold and given out at the two-week long tournament will be made from 100% recycled plastic that can be recycled once fans are done with them.

Tournament water sponsor Evian says it plans to make all of its bottles out of 100% recycled plastic by 2025. The company said it hopes to sell about 420,000 bottles of water at this year's tournament, which runs from July 1 to 14.

Spectators are also allowed to bring their own reusable water bottles and organizers say there are more than 100 fountains and water refill stations on the grounds.

Almost 475,000 people attended Wimbledon last year, making it the largest single annual sports catering operation in Europe.

Organizers say that cutlery and most of the drink cups used during Wimbledon are made from 100% recycled material and the containers used for their famous strawberries and cream are made from 70% recycled plastic.

They sell an average of 166,055 portions of strawberries and cream each year.

There will also be employees encouraging sustainability and making sure people throw their recycling in the right bins.

Wimbledon has also stopped putting players' freshly-restrung rackets into plastic bags, which means 4,500 fewer bags will be used during the tournament.

In June, the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) signed on to the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework.

"We believe that Wimbledon, along with other major events, has a vital role to play in helping to protect the environment, today and for the future, and we are proud to be a signatory to the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework," said AELTC Chief Executive Richard Lewis in a statement.

Organizers of Glastonbury, the huge UK music festival that wrapped up on June 30, banned single-use plastic bottles at the five-day event and sold sandwiches in 100% compostable packaging.

The European Parliament voted in March to ban a variety of single-use plastic items, including straws and cutlery, by 2021.

## Vocabulary

### Annual

##### Adjective

* Of, for, or pertaining to a year; yearly
* Occurring or returning once a year
* Botany. living only one growing season, as beans or corn.
* Performed or executed during a year

##### Noun

* Botany. a plant living only one year or season.
* A book, report, etc., published annually.

### Executive

##### Noun

* A person or group of persons having administrative or supervisory authority in an organization.
* The person or persons in whom the supreme executive power of a government is vested.
* The executive branch of a government.

##### Adjective

* Of, relating to, or suited for carrying out plans, duties, etc.
* Pertaining to or charged with the execution of laws and policies or the administration of public affairs
* Designed for, used by, or suitable for executives

### Framework

##### Noun

* A skeletal structure designed to support or enclose something.
* A frame or structure composed of parts fitted and joined together.
* The construction or sale of frames.
* Work done in, on, or with a frame.

### Operation

##### Noun

* An act or instance, process, or manner of functioning or operating.
* The state of being operative (usually preceded by in or into)
* The power to act; efficacy, influence, or force.
* The exertion of force, power, or influence; agency
* A process of a practical or mechanical nature in some form of work or production
* A course or procedure of productive or industrial activity

### Organizers

##### Noun

* A person who organizes, especially one who forms and organizes a group.
* A person whse job is to enlist employees into membership in a union.
* A person who organizes or schedules work
* A multiple folder or, sometimes, a notebook in which correspondence, papers, etc., are sorted by subject, date, or otherwise, for systematic handling.
* Embryology. any part of an embryo that stimulates the development and differentiation of another part.

### Putting

##### Verb (used with object),

* To move or place (anything) so as to get it into or out of a specific location or position
* To bring into some relation, state, etc.

##### Verb (used without object),

* To go, move, or proceed
* Informal. to begin to travel

##### Noun

* A throw or cast, especially one made with a forward motion of the hand when raised close to the shoulder.
* Also called put option. Finance. an option that gives the right to sell a fixed amount of a particular stock at a predetermined price within a given time, purchased by a person who expects the stock to decline.Compare call(def 52).

##### Verb phrases

* put about, Nautical. to change direction, as on a course. to start (a rumor); circulate. to inconvenience; trouble. to disturb; worry. to turn in a different direction.
* put across, to cause to be understood or received favorably: to do successfully; accomplish: to be successful in (a form of deception)

### Cloze Questions

##### Fill in the blanks

1: (CNN)Wimbledon is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to cut \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_ amount of plastic waste \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tennis championships.

2: \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ change \_\_\_\_ that all \_\_\_\_ the water bottles \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and given out \_\_\_\_ the two-week \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 100% recycled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that can be recycled once \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are done with them.

3: Tournament \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sponsor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_ bottles out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plastic by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The company said it hopes to sell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bottles of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tournament, which runs from July 1 to 14.

4: Spectators are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allowed \_\_\_\_ bring their own reusable water bottles \_\_\_\_\_\_ organizers say \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than 100 fountains \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refill stations on \_\_\_\_\_\_ grounds.

5: Almost 475,000 people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ making it \_\_\_\_\_\_ largest single annual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ operation in Europe.

6: Organizers say that cutlery and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_ drink \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ used during \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are made from 100% \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ material \_\_\_\_\_\_ the containers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their famous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and cream \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from 70% \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plastic.

7: They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of 166,055 portions of strawberries and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each year.

8: There \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ also be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sustainability and making sure people throw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ the right bins.

9: Wimbledon has also stopped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ players' freshly-restrung \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into plastic bags, which means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bags will \_\_\_\_ used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ tournament.

10: In June, \_\_\_\_\_\_ All England Lawn Tennis Club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_ UN Sports for Climate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Framework.

11: "We believe that Wimbledon, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with other major events, has a vital \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ play in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ environment, today \_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_ future, and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ a signatory \_\_\_\_ the UN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Action Framework," \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AELTC Chief Executive Richard Lewis in a statement.

12: Organizers of Glastonbury, the huge UK music \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wrapped up on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ banned single-use plastic bottles at \_\_\_\_\_\_ five-day event \_\_\_\_\_\_ sold \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ compostable packaging.

13: The European Parliament voted in March \_\_\_\_ ban a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plastic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and cutlery, by 2021.

### Discussion Questions

1: Summarise the article in your own words

2: How do you feel after reading the article?

3: Do you agree with the article's point? Why/why not?

4: Can you come up with an argument against this article's point?

5: After reading the article, is there anything you are wondering about?

6: Does the article relate to something else you read or watched recently?