



PLASTIC FREE *MB*

Manhattan Beach is moving away from single-use plastic straws, stirrers, and utensils to protect our oceans.

THE PLASTIC POLLUTION PROBLEM Protecting the environment is part of Manhattan Beach's core values. Yet, plastic straws and utensils of all shapes, sizes and colors are popping up everywhere from cocktails to delivery food to unasked-for glasses of water. Collectively, Americans use roughly 500 million plastic straws daily – enough to fill up 125 school buses each day and wrap around our entire planet 2.5 times.

PLASTIC STRAWS AND UTENSILS HARM WILDLIFE Because they're not recyclable, most plastic straws and utensils end up in landfills. The rest wind up polluting the environment and posing a threat to aquatic life. In fact, recent studies show that half of all sea turtles and nearly all seabirds have eaten plastic- and by 2050, it's expected that there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish, by weight.

MANHATTAN BEACH IS TAKING ACTION Here in Manhattan Beach we have the opportunity to do something big about this problem, just as we did with plastic bags and polystyrene. Straws and utensils are in the top six most commonly found pieces of trash during beach cleanups in California, and are also some of the most harmful pieces of plastic pollution to marine life.

Municipal Code Section 5.80 Regulating the Sale and Distribution of Single-Use Plastic Straws, Stirrers, and Utensils.

How to Comply by January 1, 2019

- The purpose of Municipal Code Section 5.80 is to regulate the use of certain polystyrene products and single-use plastic and other single-use products in order to protect the health of Manhattan Beach citizens and promote environmentally sustainable practices in the City.
- Eliminate Single-Use Plastic: Plastic disposable straws, utensils, and stirrers distributed by food providers, whether for use on-site, to-go, or delivery, cannot be of plastic origin.
- Disposable straws, stirrers, and utensils must be made from non-plastic materials, including but not limited to paper, sugar cane, wood, or bamboo.
- Provide disposable non-plastic alternative straws, stirrers, or utensils shall only upon request of the customer.

Learn more about Manhattan Beach's efforts to reduce plastic pollution at www.citymb.info/PlasticFreeMB





Recommended
**REUSABLE
STRAWS**

Glass
Stainless Steel
Bamboo

**SINGLE-USE
STRAWS**

Allowable
Alternatives

Paper
Grain
Edible



Banned

Plastic
Bioplastic
(PLA, #7, Compostable)

EXAMPLES OF Compliant Straws

The City of Manhattan Beach does not endorse and is not affiliated with any of the products or companies listed below. This is not a comprehensive list of acceptable alternatives. This guide is only meant to show some examples of what may work for your business.

These resources were gathered primarily from *For A Strawless Ocean*.

Visit StrawlessOcean.org/Alternatives for discount codes.



AARDVARK

Paper straws

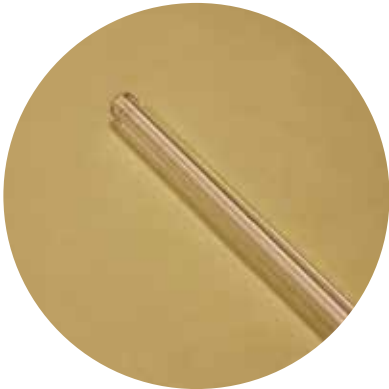
Aardvarkstraws.com



STRAW FREE

Bamboo

Strawfree.org



SIMPLY STRAWS

Glass

SimplyStraws.com



STEELYS DRINKWARE

Stainless Steel

SteelysDrinkware.com



LOLISTRAW

BY LOLIWARE

Seaweed

[Kickstarter.com/
projects/1530128773/
lolistraw-by-loliware](http://Kickstarter.com/projects/1530128773/lolistraw-by-loliware)



SORBOS

Sugar

WeareSorbos.com

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REUSABLE UTENSILS



Metal
Bamboo



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EXAMPLES OF Compliant Utensils and Stirrers

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AAYU
Birchwood
AayuWorld.com



NATURAL TABLEWARE
Aspen Wood
NaturalTableware.com



BAMBU
Bamboo
BambuHome.com



LEAFWARE
Birchwood
Leafware.com



WOOD TASTING SPOONS
Wood
perfectstix.com
outsidetheboxpapers.com
greenpaperproducts.com



BAKEY'S EDIBLE UTENSILS
Flours of jowar (sorghum), rice, and wheat
Bakeys.com



NATURAL TABLEWARE
Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified Wood
NaturalTableware.com



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