

Single Use Straw Bans/Limitations on Plastic Products:

Seattle, WA (population - 704,352)

- ban on plastic straws and utensils - All businesses that sell food or drinks must offer compostable or recyclable options — or ask patrons to forgo the tools altogether
- Prohibits restaurants, delis, coffee shops, food trucks, cafeterias and grocery stores from providing the plastic items to customers.
 - Upon request only, those vendors may provide people with a compostable straw or utensil.
 - ban carries a \$250 fine for any businesses who violate it

Davis, CA – (65,000)

Key points from the ordinance include the following:

- Sit-down restaurants in Davis will be required to ask dine-in customers if they want a beverage straw before providing one.
- This ordinance applies to any restaurant that provides food or drink for dine-in customers for consumption on its premises.
- This ordinance does not apply to take-out food orders at any restaurant, fast-food establishment, café, deli, etc. that provides food or drink for consumption off its premises.

Malibu, CA (12,645)

- banning restaurants and food vendors from offering or selling plastic straws, stirrers and utensils to customers.

San Luis Obispo, CA (47,536)

- Dine-in customers of San Luis Obispo restaurants, bars and cafes will soon have to request single-use plastic straws for their drinks instead of receiving them automatically.
- And the sale and use of single-use plastic bottles and cups will be restricted from city events including Farmers Market and Concerts in the Plaza.
- Meanwhile, the city also plans to increase its number of drinking stations that cater to reusable bottles, adding 10 over the next two years at locations like Sinsheimer Stadium, French Park, Mission Plaza and the Ludwick Community Center.

Miami Beach, FL (91,917)–

- banned plastic straws on the beach in 2012
- Currently considering ordinance would ban plastic straws and stirrers in marinas, beaches, parks and sidewalk cafes and in city buildings in Miami Beach.

Fort Myers, FL (77,146)

- ordinance that prohibited distribution of plastic drinking straws in the town, with limited exceptions. The ordinance allows straws made of paper, plant, vegetable and other materials containing nothing artificial or synthetic.
- exempts plastic straws used in private homes, at the Beach public school or those prepackaged with drinks outside the town — like single-serve juice and milk cartons.

Vancouver, BC (647,540)

- ban plastic drinking straws, single use Styrofoam takeout containers and cups
- councilors also approved a bylaw which will regulate, and aim to reduce, the use of disposable cups and shopping bags in Vancouver.
 - Businesses will have to eliminate the disposables entirely, charge customers for them, or arrive at an alternative solution which must be pre-approved by city council.

United Kingdom –

- government proposing banning plastic straws, drink stirrers and cotton swabs in England
 - *possible exception for plastic straws used for medical purposes*

[The American Chemistry Council suggests only providing straws when customers' requests one](#)

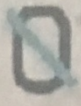
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Plastic Straw Bans Face Blowback:

- California, New York , Hawaii all considered state level straw bans
 - Hawaii died
 - CA, NY pending
- The American Chemistry Council also opposes plastic-straw bans and recently suggested that an “opt-in” plan, under which diners must ask for a straw, is a better solution.
- at least one expert in the field of “marine plastic” suggests plastic-straw bans may not make much of a dent in the problem.
- In California, the opt-in already has become the fallback position for advocates of a statewide plastic-straw ban. Unlike some of the city ordinances, the bill in the Legislature would provide for straws only on request in sit-down restaurants.
 - It would not apply to takeout-only restaurants, meaning those eateries could continue to hand out straws to all customers.

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That single-use straw in your cocktail or coffee will be on this planet forever. It takes 200 years to break down...into tiny toxic particles. The US and UK toss nearly 550 million plastic straws PER DAY. Very little is recycled, and much ends up in the ocean. A healthy ocean provides resilience to climate change. Help today. Refuse the straw.

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