



City of Portland Straw Ordinance Effective April 1, 2020

In order to reduce waste, encourage sustainable practices, and promote the health of our waterways, the City of Portland has established restrictions on the distribution of plastic drinking straws.

- Beginning April 1, vendors may provide plastic straws to customers **only if they request them**.
- Take out establishments that choose to supply plastic straws must keep them behind the counter, not available for self-service. Straws made of material other than plastic may be available for self service.
- **Effective January 1, 2021, the distribution of plastic straws is prohibited.** Straws made of alternative materials such as paper, metal, or other materials may be supplied to customers by request only.
- These same restrictions apply to plastic splash sticks and beverage stirrers.



For more information about the straw ordinance please visit:

<http://portlandmaine.gov/straws>