

PLASTIC STRAW BAN



Plastic straws and stirrers are currently the seventh most common item collected during coastal cleanups.

**Ocean Conservancy International Coastal Cleanup 2018 Report*

Single-use plastic straws pollute the water and cause harm to seabirds, marine animals and fish.

**Wildlife Conservation Society website*

The average American uses 1.6 straws a day. In the US alone, that's enough to circle the equator two and a half times.

**Trash Free Seas Alliance*

Plastic waste is flooding our oceans. It's now more important than ever to reduce our plastic footprint worldwide.

**World Wildlife Fund*



NEW MANDATORY REQUIREMENT BEGINS

JULY 1, 2020



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

As of July 1, 2020, new Prince George's County legislation (CB-52-2019) bans straws and stirrers that are not reusable or meet the home-compostable standard.

*Food service businesses are prohibited from selling, distributing, or otherwise providing a straw or stirrer with food or beverage unless they are reusable or compostable.

*Retail businesses are prohibited from selling, distributing, or otherwise providing a straw or stirrer directly to consumers unless they also have for sale a straw or stirrer meeting the home-compostable standard.

To review a copy of the legislation, go to bit.ly/pgcplasticstrawban

For more information contact the Department of the Environment, Recycling Section, Inspection Unit at (301) 883-3635



ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES

REUSABLE STRAWS

HOME-COMPOSTABLE STRAWS

