

Thank you for helping phase out plastic straws from your establishment!

*Please share how your establishment is reducing their impact on marine life by using **#SkipTheStrawDelray** on social media!*

Straws are one of the most abundant pieces of litter on beaches and reducing plastic straws will help eliminate debris that harms sea life, shorebirds and coral reefs. Plastic debris break into smaller pieces that are ingested by wildlife and leach dangerous chemicals into wildlife and waterways. If straws continue to be used at their current rate, then there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish by 2050.

On February 5, 2019 the City of Delray Beach adopted Ordinance 10-19, prohibiting the distribution of single-use plastic straws. From February 6, 2019 to December 31, 2019 food and beverage service establishments may only distribute plastic straws to patrons that specifically request them. By January 1, 2020 food and beverage establishments are prohibited from distributing plastic straws and must provide a sustainable alternative.

We are working to build a community that keeps our beaches healthy and by skipping the plastic straw you are showing that you are a leader in the citywide movement to reduce single-use plastics. Local businesses, like yours, have an ability to make a difference to our ocean and the health of marine life by reducing single-use plastics.

You can easily comply with Ordinance 10-19 by not providing plastic straws to patrons unless it is requested for medical purposes. Some businesses are looking to further reduce their impact on the environment by removing plastic stirrers, cutlery and Styrofoam containers.

We have put together a "Skip the Straw" starter kit for you and your team. The included resources will help consumers know that your business is helping to keep our oceans trash free! In the starter kit you will find:

- Table tents that can be displayed on tables, bar or hostess area
- Fact sheets for the Skip the Straw movement that you can share with your staff

If you would like a decal sticker of the following logo for your establishment's front window/door, please contact us so we can provide you with one!

