

FORT LAUDERDALE MORE FLAVOR LESS PLASTIC



Please join the City of Fort Lauderdale as we take action to protect our environment for this and future generations!

The problem is a global news story. The volume of plastic in our oceans is projected to out-weigh marine life by 2050. Plastic has already been detected in the stomachs of 30% of our sea turtles and 90% of our sea birds.

Did you know that Americans use over 170 million plastic straws per day? Plastic straws are a top ten contributor to marine debris pollution.

The solution starts here. The City of Fort Lauderdale has passed an ordinance to ban the sale and distribution of single-use plastic straws (Section 16-140 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances, "Prohibition of Sale or Distribution of Plastic Straws").

Please be advised of the following:

- Starting in July 2019, businesses in Fort Lauderdale may only provide plastic straws upon request.
- Starting in January 2020, plastic straws may not be sold or distributed in Fort Lauderdale (exceptions to the ordinance include medical use, prepackaged beverages like juice boxes and select facilities).

Locally and around the world, forward-thinking businesses are already saving money and reducing waste by eliminating plastic straws, supplying plastic-free straws only upon request, and using plastic-free take-out containers.



Many alternatives to plastic straws are now commercially available including: paper, bamboo, stainless steel or plant-based compostable straws. For example, see the listings in the Vendor Product Guide found here: <https://debrisfreeoceans.org/sustainability-consulting>.

Take the "Less Plastic Pledge" and be a part of the solution! The first 200 businesses to take the pledge will become a "Greening Edge Leader" and receive a free window cling and recognition on the City's website.

To take the pledge, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/lessplastic.

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