



# STRAWS AND STIRRERS NEW REQUIREMENTS

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**January 1,  
2019**

Effective October 29, 2018, the Mayor's List of Recyclables and Compostables requires the use of compostable and/or reusable straws and stirrers when serving and selling food or beverages in the District.

**COMPLIANT PRODUCTS FOR USE IN THE DISTRICT INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:  
- PAPER - BAMBOO - HAY - STAINLESS STEEL - GLASS - PLA (BPI-CERTIFIED)**

To help reduce waste and cut costs, the District encourages businesses to only offer straws by request. Recognizing that some customers may require plastic straws to consume food or beverages, **the District supports businesses and organizations keeping a stock of plastic straws for this purpose.**

## HOW TO GET & STAY IN COMPLIANCE



### Why is this happening?

**Banning plastic straws and stirrers will help reduce plastic waste and litter that pollutes District communities and waterways.** Plastic straws and stirrers are easily blown and washed into local waterways, where they can remain for hundreds of years before breaking down.

## GET AHEAD OF THE GAME & TAKE THE PLEDGE

As major distributors of plastic straws, the food service industry can contribute to the District's effort to reduce plastic waste. Join the growing community of businesses and organizations taking action with the OUR LAST STRAW Coalition. **Unite in the effort to reduce plastic waste in the District and pledge to #StopSucking at ourlaststraw.org.**

For more information on compliant products and District food service ware requirements, visit: [doee.dc.gov/foodserviceware](http://doee.dc.gov/foodserviceware)





**Language  
Assistance**

Si necesita ayuda en Español, por favor llame al (202) 671-0080 para proporcionarle un intérprete **de manera gratuita**.  
Nếu quý vị cần giúp đỡ về tiếng Việt, xin gọi (202) 671-0080 để chúng tôi thu xếp có thông dịch viên đến giúp quý vị **miễn phí**.  
Si vous avez besoin d'aide en Français appelez-le (202) 671-0080 et l'assistance d'un interprète vous sera **fournie gratuitement**.  
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한국어로 언어 지원이 필요하신 경우 (202) 671-0080 로 연락을 주시면 **무료로** 통역이 제공됩니다.  
如果您需要用 (中文)接受幫助，請電洽(202) 671-0080 將**免費**向您提供口譯員服務。