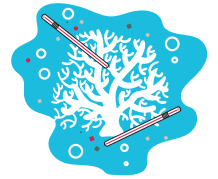


10 REASONS TO SKIP THE STRAW

- 1 500 million straws are used in the U.S. every day. That's enough to fill 125 school buses.



- 6 Straws and other plastic harm sea life, including fish, turtles and coral reefs.



- 2 Plastic straws are among the Top Five items collected on the beach every year.



- 7 Straws are easily carried away by the wind, ending up littering our beaches and in our oceans and waterways.

- 3 About 90% of trash in the oceans is made from plastic.



- 8 Every year, the U.S. uses enough straws to wrap around the earth 2.5 times.



- 4 Plastic trash pollutes most marine habitats, including the deep sea, coral reefs, beaches and rivers.

- 9 About 90% of seabirds and 30% of turtles have plastics in their stomach.



- 5 In most places, plastic straws cannot be recycled.



- 10 Plastic breaks down into smaller pieces, but never fully goes away.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Reduce your use of single-use plastics.

Pick up litter and properly dispose of it.

Participate in beach or river cleanups.

Ask your family and friends to [Skip the Straw!](#)



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