



Montgomery County, Maryland BAN ON SINGLE-USE STRAWS

EFFECTIVE DATES

May 1, 2021: A food service business may not provide a straw to a dine-in customer, except upon request by the customer, or if the straws are in a self-serve straw dispenser. *(Note: Straws provided for take-out, delivery, and drive-thru sales may be provided as usual.)*

December 21, 2021: Straws provided as above must be reusable, home compostable, or marine degradable. To comply with federal disability rights laws, food service businesses must keep a limited supply of plastic straws to provide to customers upon request, but customers must never be asked to disclose any disability-related or medical information.



Is Your Food Service Business in Compliance?		
NO	YES!	
<p>Plastic Straws*</p>	<p>Reusable Straws (such as metal, bamboo, glass & silicone)</p>	<p>Home Compostable or Marine Degradable Straws</p>

*Except in accordance with disability rights laws.

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For more information, visit
MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/SkipTheStraw

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection
Recycling & Resource Management Division
Waste Reduction and Recycling Section
Call 3-1-1 or (240) 777-0311

