

STRAWS UPON REQUEST HOW AB 1884 AFFECTS YOU

Plastic straws and stirrers are the sixth-most common item found at beach cleanups, according to the California Coastal Commission. California has become the first state to restrict the use of plastic straws in restaurants with the passage of Assembly Bill 1884. This measure limits restaurants to giving out single-use straws only upon request of consumers. It applies to full-service dining establishments, but exempts to-go, fast-food establishments.



AB 1884 will be effective beginning January 2019, with the aim that consumers and restaurant owners pause and think about plastics and potential alternatives. The City of Oceanside is here to help consumers and restaurants kick the plastic habit by finding ways to reduce and possibly eliminate single-use plastic products.

What does this mean for the restaurant goer?

- Join the campaign and pledge to be straw free!
- Bring your own reusable straw.
- If you do end up needing a straw, don't be afraid to ask!

What does this mean for the restaurant?

- Pledge to go strawless.
- Sell your own branded reusable straws to let others know you have removed disposable straws from your restaurant!
- Opt to buy more environmentally friendly straws. Move toward paper, bamboo or glass straws.

