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STOMP THE STRAW

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WHY REDUCE PLASTIC STRAW USAGE?

- Single-use plastics, like straws, cannot be recycled and take a long time to breakdown.
- Straws are among the ten most commonly found items in waterways and oceans.
- They are harmful to wildlife and their habitats.
- Our actions here in Iowa have a direct impact on the global environment.
- Straws create pollution at every stage of their existence from oil drilling, manufacturing, shipping and distribution.
- According to EcoCycle, in the United States 500 million straws are used EVERY day. That number would fill over 127 school buses.

http://www.ecocycle.org/bestrawfree/faqs

BENEFITS

For everyone:

- First step towards reducing your single-use plastic usage
- Be a wildlife hero
- Less plastics in our environment
- Healthier wildlife and waterways

For businesses:

- Stomp the Straw Approved Business
- Be a socially responsible business
- Reduced cost (less straws = less $)
- Increased community support

HOW CAN I HELP?

As an **individual**, you have the opportunity to lead by example.

- Say "no thanks" to plastic straws and make the switch to reusable ones.
- Talk with your friends, family and co-workers about why you made the switch.
- Challenge yourself by reducing other single-use plastics.
- Support your family, friends and co-workers as they reduce their single-use plastic usage.

As a **business**, you have the opportunity to be a leader in the community.

- Offer straws to customers upon request only.
- Talk with your staff and customers about why you made the switch.
- Make a commitment towards sustainable practices.
- Share your efforts and success by posting it on social media and the press.

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For more information about Stomp the Straw and to take the pledge visit: www.stompthestraw.com

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Material	Company	Wholesale Available?	Shipping Info	Website
Paper	Iowa - Des Moines Supply Inc	✓		iowadesmoinessupply.com
Paper	Aardvark	✓	Free shipping on all orders	aardvarkstraws.com
Paper	World Centric	✓	Free shipping on orders of $75	store.worldcentric.com
Bamboo	Jungle Straws	✓	Free shipping on all orders	junglestraws.com
Glass	Strawsome	✓	Free shipping on orders of $49	strawesome.com
Hay	Hay! Straws	✓	$10 shipping per case	haystraws.com
Pasta	Pasta Straws	✓	Free shipping on all orders	pastastraws.org
Silicone	Softy Straws	✓	Available for purchase on Amazon Prime	softystraws.com
Stainless Steel and Glass	Simply Straws	✓	Free shipping on orders of $35	simplystraws.com
Stainless Steel	Steeleys Drinkware	✓	Estimate provided upon placing order	steelysdrinkware.com
Corn Based Plastic (PLA)	Without access to a commercial composting facility, these straws can take anywhere from 100 to 1000 years to decompose in a landfill. This is why they are not included as a wildlife-friendly option.			

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