



PLASTIC STRAW RESTRICTION AT FULL-SERVICE RESTAURANTS

AB1884 was enacted to reduce the amount of waste generated by single-use plastics. It restricts full-service restaurants from providing single-use plastic straws unless requested by a customer. This law became effective on January 1, 2019

A full-service restaurant shall not provide a single-use plastic straw to a consumer unless requested by the consumer. **The restriction only applies to full-service restaurants.**

A full-service restaurant is defined as a food facility at which **all** the following apply:

- Consumer is escorted or assigned to an assigned eating area.
- Consumer's food and beverage orders are taken after consumer has been seated at assigned seating area.
- Food and beverage orders are delivered directly to the consumer.
- Any requested items associated with the consumer's food or beverage are brought to the consumer.
- Check is delivered directly to the consumer

This plastic straw restriction **does not** apply to:

- "To-go" orders.
- Restaurants where food or beverages are ordered at a counter.
- Restaurants where customers seat themselves.
- Counter service coffee/tea shops.
- Buffet restaurants.



QUESTIONS:

Can a facility that is not a full-service restaurant stop providing straws?

Yes. Any food facility owner can elect to stop providing straws. However, straws are often helpful to people with disabilities and keeping straws available upon request is highly recommended.

Can a facility provide other types of straws?

Yes, straws made from non-plastic materials such as paper, pasta, sugar cane, wood or bamboo may be provided. Re-usable metal straws are allowed as long as they meet the requirements for utensils (CalCode Section 114130).

For more information on food safety, please contact
the Department of Environmental Health at (408) 918-3400 or visit www.EHinfo.org/CPD
