



City of Malibu

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Attention Malibu Business Owners and Managers **NEW LAW EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017**

The City of Malibu approved a new law, amending Chapter 9.24 of the Malibu Municipal Code, prohibiting the sale or distribution of food service ware, packing materials, and other specified products that are made from polystyrene foam.

Effective January 1, 2017, the Polystyrene Foam Food Packaging Ordinance bans the sale or distribution products made, in whole or in part, from polystyrene foam. The prohibited products include:

Food-service

- Food ware, including cups, plates, clamshells, and other containers
- Meat and fish trays, and egg cartons (applicable after January 1, 2018)

Other Items¹

- Packing materials, shipping containers, and “peanuts” when used to package items for storage or sale in Malibu, unless the foam materials were donated or reused²
- Coolers, ice chests or similar containers
- Pool or beach toys
- Dock floats, mooring buoys, or anchor or navigational markers

The law also requires that packing materials and disposable food ware sold or distributed in Malibu must be compostable or recyclable.

Compliance

This Ordinance applies to businesses that sell or distribute food ware, packing materials, and other specified products for sale within Malibu.

To help your business comply, the City has developed a web page with more information about this ordinance at www.malibucity.org/NoFoam. The site includes details about the ordinance, a list of vendors,³ and will include examples of acceptable alternative products that are compostable or recyclable.

The City is committed to working with businesses to ensure a smooth transition to alternative products that are more eco-friendly. If you have questions, please call (310) 456-2489 and speak to Environmental Programs staff.

¹ No item listed in this category shall be allowed on any beach within the City. However, items wholly encased within a more durable material are allowed to be sold and used.

² Subject to conditions detailed in the ordinance.

³ Vendor lists are provided as a courtesy only. The City makes no endorsement of products or services.

PLASTIC-FREE STRAWES, STIRRERS, & CUTLERY

Malibu is moving away from single-use plastic straws, stirrers, and cutlery to protect our oceans. Here's how to comply with Malibu's ordinance.

MMC 9.24.045 Sale and Commercial Distribution of Plastic Beverage Straws, Stirrers, and Cutlery Prohibited.

Effective June 1, 2018

- No restaurant, including fast food restaurants, beverage provider, or vendor shall use, provide, distribute, or sell plastic beverage straws, plastic stirrers, or plastic cutlery, **including bioplastics**.
- Nothing in this section precludes restaurants, including fast food restaurants, beverage providers, or vendors from using or making non-plastic alternatives, such as those made from paper, sugar cane, or bamboo, available to customers.
- Non-plastic alternative straws, stirrers, or cutlery shall **only be provided upon request** by the customer.
- No person shall distribute plastic or bioplastic beverage straws, plastic stirrers, or plastic cutlery at any city facility or any city-sponsored event.

Learn more about Malibu's efforts to reduce plastic pollution at [MalibuCity.org/PlasticFree](https://www.malibucity.org/PlasticFree)

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Recommended
**REUSABLE
STRAWS**

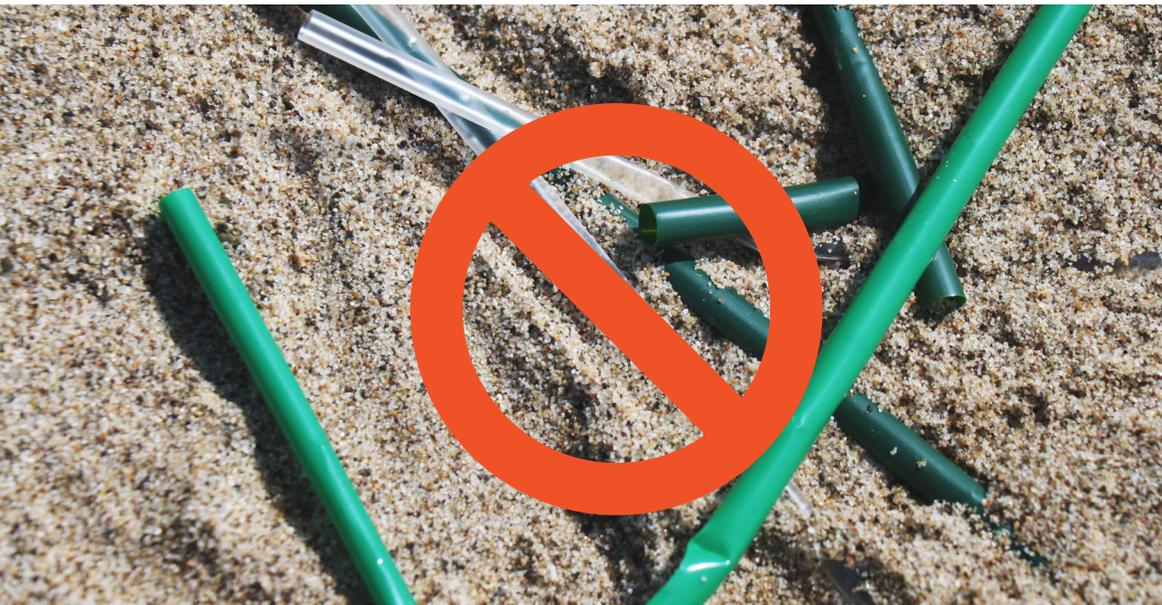
Glass
Stainless Steel
Bamboo

**SINGLE-USE
STRAWS**



Allowable
Alternatives

Paper
Grain
Edible



Banned

Plastic
Bioplastic
(PLA, #7, Compostable)

Recommended
**REUSABLE
CUTLERY**



Metal
Bamboo



**SINGLE-USE
CUTLERY**

Allowable
Alternatives

Bamboo
Wood
Edible

Banned

Plastic
Bioplastic

(PLA, #7, Compostable)





Recommended
**REUSABLE
STIRRER**

Glass
Metal

**SINGLE-USE
STIRRER**

Allowable
Alternatives

Wood
Bamboo
Edible (Cane Sugar, etc.)



Banned

Plastic
Bioplastic
(PLA, #7, Compostable)

EXAMPLES OF Compliant Straws

The City of Malibu does not endorse and is not affiliated with any of the products or companies listed below. This is not a comprehensive list of acceptable alternatives. This guide is only meant to show some examples of what may work for your business.

These Resources were gathered primarily from *For A Strawless Ocean*.

Visit StrawlessOcean.org/Alternatives for discount codes.



AARDVARK

Paper straws

Aardvarkstraws.com



STRAW FREE

Bamboo

Strawfree.org



SIMPLY STRAWS

Glass

SimplyStraws.co



STEELYS DRINKWARE

Stainless Steel

SteelysDrinkware.com



LOLISTRAW
BY LOLIWARE
Seaweed

[Kickstarter.com/
projects/1530128773/
lolistraw-by-loliware](http://Kickstarter.com/projects/1530128773/lolistraw-by-loliware)



SORBOS

Sugar

WeareSorbos.com

EXAMPLES OF Compliant Cutlery and Stirrers

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AAYU
Birchwood
AayuWorld.com



NATURAL TABLEWARE
Aspen Wood
NaturalTableware.com



BAMBU
Bamboo
BambuHome.com



LEAFWARE
Birchwood
Leafware.com



BIOTREM BY VERI FOOD
Wheat bran and corn starch or sugarcane
VerifoodUS.com



BAKEY'S EDIBLE CUTLERY
Flours of jowar (sorghum), rice, and wheat
Bakeys.com



NATURAL TABLEWARE
Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified Wood
NaturalTableware.com