

PLASTIC FREE HB

Hermosa Beach is moving away from single-use plastic to protect our oceans.

THE PLASTIC POLLUTION PROBLEM Commitment to a healthy environment and lifestyles is part of the community vision for Hermosa Beach. Yet, plastic straws and utensils of all shapes, sizes and colors are popping up everywhere from cocktails to delivery food to unasked-for glasses of water.

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC HARMS WILDLIFE Because they're lightweight and not recyclable, most polystyrene food packaging, plastic straws and utensils end up in landfills. The rest wind up polluting the environment and posing a threat to aquatic life. In fact, recent studies show that half of all sea turtles and nearly all seabirds have eaten plastic- and by 2050, it's expected that there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish.

HERMOSA BEACH IS TAKING ACTION Here in Hermosa Beach we have the opportunity to do something big about this problem. Plastic bags, straws, and utensils are in the top six most commonly found pieces of trash during beach cleanups in California, and are also some of the most harmful pieces of plastic pollution to marine life.

Compliance with HBMC Section 8.64 Regulating the Sale and Distribution of Single-Use Plastic Straws, Stirrers, and Utensils will be required beginning July 1, 2020.

- The purpose of the Municipal Code is to regulate the use of certain polystyrene products and single-use plastic and other single-use products in order to protect the health of Hermosa Beach citizens and promote environmentally sustainable practices in the City.
- Eliminate Single-Use Plastic: Plastic disposable straws, utensils, and stirrers distributed by food providers, whether for use on-site, to-go, or delivery, cannot be of plastic origin (including bio-plastics).
- Disposable straws, stirrers, and utensils must be made from non-plastic materials, including but not limited to paper, sugar cane, wood, or bamboo.
- Provide disposable non-plastic alternative straws, stirrers, or utensils only upon request of the customer.

Learn more about Hermosa Beach's efforts to reduce plastic pollution at:
<https://www.hermosabeach.gov/plastics>





Recommended
**REUSABLE
STRAWS**

Glass
Stainless Steel
Bamboo

**SINGLE-USE
STRAWS**

Allowable
Alternatives

Paper
Grain
Edible



Banned

Plastic
Bioplastic
(PLA, #7, Compostable)

EXAMPLES OF Compliant Straws

The City of Hermosa Beach 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.

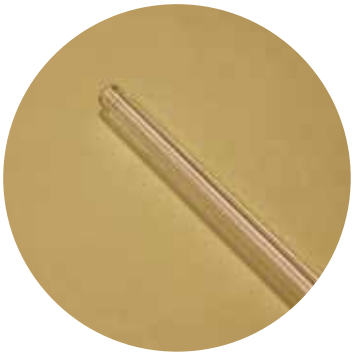
These resources were gathered primarily from *For A Strawless Ocean*. Visit StrawlessOcean.org/Alternatives for discount codes.



AARDVARK
Paper straws
Aardvarkstraws.com



STRAW FREE
Bamboo
Strawfree.org



SIMPLY STRAWS
Glass
SimplyStraws.com



STEELYS DRINKWARE
Stainless Steel
SteelysDrinkware.com



LOLISTRAW
BY LOLIWARE
Seaweed
Kickstarter.com/projects/1530128773/lolistraw-by-loliware



SORBOS
Sugar
WeareSorbos.com



THE AMAZING PASTA STRAW
BY THE AMAZING PASTA STRAW COMPANY
Wheat, water
<https://www.pastastraws.org/>

Recommended

REUSABLE UTENSILS



Metal
Bamboo



SINGLE-USE UTENSILS



Allowable
Alternatives

Bamboo
Wood
Edible

Banned

Plastic
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Recommended
**REUSABLE
STIRRER**

Glass
Metal

**SINGLE-USE
STIRRER**



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EXAMPLES OF Compliant Utensils and Stirrers

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AAYU
Birchwood
AayuWorld.com



NATURAL TABLEWARE
Aspen Wood
NaturalTableware.com



BAMBU
Bamboo
BambuHome.com



LEAFWARE
Birchwood
Leafware.com



WOOD TASTING SPOONS
Wood
perfectstix.com
outsidetheboxpapers.com
greenpaperproducts.com



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



NUSPOON TASTERS
Paper
amazon.com



ECOSPOON4
Paper
ecotensil.com



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

REGULATED PRODUCTS IN HERMOSA BEACH



Photo courtesy of Heal the Bay

POLYSTYRENE BAN

Hermosa Beach passed its first polystyrene ordinance in 2012, which banned polystyrene food service ware such as polystyrene cups, to-go boxes, and plates. In 2019, the City updated its regulations to add foam trays for eggs, meats, and raw foods to the list of prohibited products as well as polystyrene packing materials, plastic straws, stirrers and utensils, polystyrene coolers and Mylar balloons.

REGULATED PRODUCTS IN HERMOSA BEACH

POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS:

(Styrofoam®, Rigid Polystyrene, and PS#6)

- Egg cartons
- Packing materials
- Produce trays
- Meat trays
- Coolers
- Plates
- Bowls
- Trays
- Wrappers
- Platters
- Cartons
- Condiment containers
- Cups/drink ware
- Straws
- Cup lids
- Utensils

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS:

(Includes Resin Codes #1-6; Bioplastic PLA#7)

- Utensils
- Stirrers
- Lid Plugs
- Straws

HERMOSA BEACH BALLOON REGULATIONS

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN

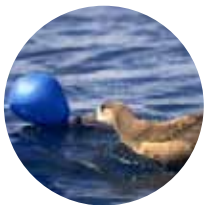
Balloons are meant to be a symbol of joy and of celebration, but pose dangers to wildlife long after celebrations have passed.

The City of Hermosa Beach is committed to reducing marine debris that harms ocean life. Hermosa Beach City Council passed an ordinance which reduces the impacts of balloons in the environment. Compliance with the regulations on balloons is required by July 1, 2020. Under HBMC 8.64 Environmental Regulations, the ordinance:

- Prohibits the release of balloons anywhere in the City
- Restricts the use of Mylar/foil balloons in outdoor spaces like beaches and parks
- Prohibits the sale and distribution of Mylar/foil balloons in the City

BALLOON IMPACTS

- Birds, turtles and other animals often mistake balloons for food
- When ingested, a balloon can block the digestive track of the animal, often resulting in death by starvation
- Ocean and beach wildlife often get entangled in balloon ribbons
- Sea turtles are the most at-risk, as balloons floating in the sea look like their favorite food: Jellyfish!
- During International Coastal Cleanup Day, nearly 100,000 balloons were picked up on beaches around the world



HELP PROTECT OCEAN WILDLIFE

- Never release a balloon into the air
- Celebrate without balloons, choose edible or plantable items, which are less likely to end up in the trash
- If for any reason you end up with a balloon, when done with it, please make sure to pop it and dispose of it properly (cut the string/ribbon off, cut it up and put it into a trash container)
- Pick up any balloons or ribbons you find and dispose of them properly

DON'T LET GO

- Light and buoyant, balloons can travel many miles in the water and air
- Mylar/foil balloons do not break down, and rubber balloons can take up to 4 years to degrade
- Free-flying balloons can travel as far as 1,300 miles away
- Mylar/foil balloons cause hundreds of power outages in L.A. alone every year



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