

# RECYCLING TIPS

## EDUCATE, DON'T CONTAMINATE!

### PLASTIC STRAWS & UTENSILS

Straws and utensils are most commonly made from type 5 plastic, or polypropylene, which is not typically accepted by most curbside recycling programs. These smaller items get stuck between moving parts of the sorting machines, clogging the mechanisms and endangering workers.

#### ALTERNATIVES TO SINGLE USE STRAWS

REUSABLE PLASTIC



METAL



GLASS



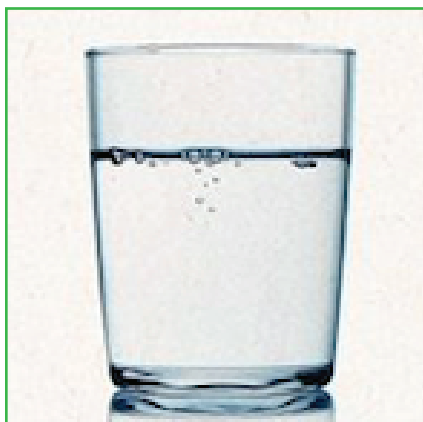
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BAMBOO



NO STRAW!



**1.6 STRAWS  
PER PERSON DAILY**

It takes up to 200 years for a plastic straw to decompose, and they can't be recycled in most places.

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**500 MILLION**

The number of straws used by Americans daily. That's enough straws to circle around the Earth 2.5 times!