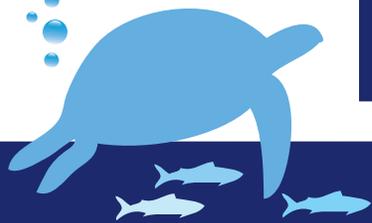




PROUD TO BE PLASTIC STRAW FREE



As a part of our continual effort to reduce our environmental footprint, DFW Airport is proud to be a single-use plastic straw free environment.

*For questions or concerns,
please email sustainability@dfwairport.com
To learn more about our environmental sustainability efforts,
please visit: www.dfwairport.com/sustainability*

#DFWSustainability

Phase Out of Single-use Plastics For Concessions Locations

Elimination of plastic straws for concessions locations will go into effect September 16, 2019.

In support of DFW Airport's commitment to sustainability, effective September 16, 2019, single-use **plastic** straws will no longer be permitted in concessions locations at DFW Airport.



DFW Airport is a part of a greater whole within our industry and community; we will work collaboratively with our stakeholders and partners to implement the innovation and change necessary to protect our natural resources and allow future generations to thrive.

Concessionaires should provide a naturally degradable straw of their choice, such as paper, seaweed or natural grain, to distribute to customers **upon request**. More on plastic straw alternatives can be found [here](#). DFW Airport will assist you in finding an alternative. You may contact [Kris Russell](#) or [James Alford](#) for assistance.

Concessionaires will be able to sell eco-friendly multi-use alternatives to plastic straws such as silicone and reusable cups with attached straws. All locations are encouraged to accept customers reusable cups for beverage purchases.

DFW Marketing will distribute signs that can be placed at each location explaining DFW Airport's new eco-friendly initiative, and word will be spread through our partners in social media.

Staff from the DFW Airport Environmental Affairs Department will attend the **Concessions Forum on September 13th** to speak about the positive effects DFW's actions will have on the Airport and our environment. To learn more about the effect single-use plastic has on the environment, watch a brief video presentation by Kids Against Plastic at the Global Sustainable Aviation Summit [here](#).

Thank you,
DFW Concessions

<https://thelastplasticstraw.org/resources/>

Swap your Straw Resources

There are many alternatives to the Plastic Straw. Products listed below are great alternatives and we have provided links to their websites to help you make the change.:

NATURALLY DEGRADABLE STRAWS

[Aardvark Straws](#): Paper straws rigid enough not to break down in your drink. Made in the USA from renewable resources, biodegradable & 100% compostable. [Aardvark Straws.com](#)

[Bamboo Straws](#): The straws are made from real whole bamboo stalks – nothing recompressed or processed. They are washable and reusable. [brushwithbamboo.com](#)

[Bambu Straws](#): Reusable bamboo straws are durable, beautiful and cut from nature. [bambuhome.com](#)

[Harvest Straws](#): Straw straws! Harvest Straws, being all natural grain stalks, do not pollute our environment like plastic straws. In fact, they enhance the environment. <http://www.harveststraws.com>

[HAY! Straws](#): **Drinking *straws* made from natural wheat.** Yes, *straws* made from *straw*. Biodegradable and plastic-free. [haystraws.com](#)

[LOLISTRAWS](#): **Edible, Hypercompostable straws**, Marine, soil, degradable, & edible! Patent-pending, seaweed-based material technology. loliware.com/products/lolistraw

[Straw Free](#): The creators of StrawFree.org have developed an eco-friendly alternative to plastic straws — bamboo straws. Each straw is unique and handcrafted using locally harvested bamboo. <http://strawfree.org/>

GLASS STRAWS

[BeOrganic](#): BeOrganic Glass Straws are an eco-friendly, tasteful alternative to wasteful, traditional plastic straws. They are a major boon to the sustainability movement that is gathering steam worldwide and on the mystical Island of Bali, where the straws are made. [BeOrganic.me/](#)

[Glass Dharma Straws](#): Glass Drinking Straws offered in various styles and lengths for every type of beverage (hot and cold). Dishwasher safe and fully guaranteed. [Glass Dharma Straws.com](#)

[Simply Straws](#): Reusable glass straws, sustainable, durable, lifetime guarantee and handcrafted in California. [Simply Straws.com](#)

[Strawsome Straws](#): Reusable glass straws are all hand-made in Michigan. Fun, safe, and reusable glass drinking straws to people of all ages – making it easy to go green! [strawsome.com/](#)

METAL STRAWS

[Dräenk Reusable Straw Necklace](#): WEAR IT anywhere. A wearable decorative slim metal straw, “like some minimalist jewelry you could see an Instagram girl wearing.” A great looking functional conversation starter. All of the reusable straw necklaces are made by hand in Portland, OR. [draenk.com](#)

[Eco at Heart Stainless Steel Straws](#): Products that are beautiful, high quality and kind to both you and the environment. Because we only get one body, and one planet. [ecoatheart.com](#)

[Eco-Straws](#): “The Original Eco-Friendly Drinking Straws”, offering a wide range of unique, reusable and super stylish alternatives. eco-straws are manufactured from an array of practical and sustainable materials allowing them to be used time and time again including; Stainless Steel, Borosilicate Glass, Natural Bamboo and Titanium. [eco-straws.co.uk](#)

[Stainless Steel Straws](#): The Mulled Mind. Innovative products made by hand in the USA and shipped in recycled or reused materials. [mulledmine.com](#)

[The Last STRAW Stainless Steel bendy straws](#): BEND it anyway you like for the drink or bottle of your choice. The Last Straw stays cold while you drink your icy beverage straight up or with a twist!! [thelaststraw.store](#)

[Titanium Straws](#): Made of food grade titanium, which is tasteless, odorless, does not corrode, is non-allergenic (to most of the world), and has an excellent weight to tensile strength ratio. [snowpeak.com](#)

COMPACT/COLLAPSIBLE STRAWS

[Final Straw](#): “FinalStraw, the original reusable, collapsible straw, made of Orca tears, octopus toe nails, mermaid love, and stainless steel.” The inner elastic material is made from medical and food-grade silicone. The case is made from recycled plastic. FinalStraw is latex free. [finalstraw.com](#)

[FIN Straw](#): Fin straws are drinking straws that twist apart into separate pieces for easy on-the-go beverage enjoyment. You can easily bring it with you so you never have to use a plastic straw again! [finstraw.com](#)

[SUX Straws](#): SUX STRAWS- luxe, are a reusable, telescoping straw with a silicone tip, brush, and case. All stainless-steel and 100% dishwasher safe. [suxstraws.com](#)

OTHER STRAWS

[Carbon Fiber Straws](#) Lustir's unique reusable carbon fiber drinking straw was created to help encourage people to forgo single-use plastic straws. lustir.com

[Ice Straws](#): Make your own straws in the freezer. The mold is made of food-grade silicone rubber and will quickly make six 8-inch straws of whatever liquid you like. thinkgeek.com

[Silicone Straws](#): Non-toxic, food-grade silicone is a healthy alternative to chemical-laden plastic. GreenPaxx Cool Straws™ are BPA-, phthalate- and PVC-free. reuseit.com

PLASTIC FREE ONLINE STORES

[Life Without Plastic](#): An Earth-friendly on-line store specializing in unique, healthy, durable, high quality alternatives to plastic for everyday household items. lifewithoutplastic.com

[Khordz](#): Creators of individual, hand crafted, multi-purposed drink ware with the individual and the environment in mind. <http://khordz.bigcartel.com/>

[SLOWCOAST STORE](#): The SLOWCOAST is right where you want to be. Come by, have some pie, grab a coffee and hang out in our vintage Airstream. Everything we sell directly supports our causes: oceans, forests, kids & community. In Slow We Trust. <http://www.slowcoast.org/>

Single Use Plastic Straw Phase Out Q&A

1) What is the single-use plastic phase-out?

DFW Airport, in partnership with our concessionaires and business partners, will phase out all single use plastic straws in all five terminals.

1) When will plastic straws be phased out?

The phase out will begin mid-September but we do expect for it to take a bit of time for the straws to be eliminated, this initiative will be a major adjustment given that we currently use more than 4.25 million annually!

2) Why is the airport phasing out plastic straws?

- a. At DFW we see ourselves as environmental stewards and work continually to find new ways to reduce our environmental footprint. That's why we are taking steps to remove single-use plastic straws from our terminals.
- b. Plastic straws are not recyclable and cause contamination in DFW's recycling stream. They persist in the environment and often end up in our oceans and waterways.
- c. As part of our local community and the greater aviation industry we are working collaboratively with our stakeholders and partners on this program to implement the innovation and change necessary to protect our natural resources and allow future generations to thrive.
- d. DFW Airport has a goal to achieve Zero Waste (90% diversion from land-fill). To achieve this goal, we are pursuing alternatives for materials that cannot be recycled.

3) Will alternatives be offered?

- a. DFW Airport is encouraging all of our concessionaires and business partners to offer a naturally biodegradable or compostable straw of their choice to customers upon request.

- b. Alternates could include paper straws or straws made from organic materials.

4) Will there be more changes in the future?

As we move toward a Zero Waste goal of 90% diversion from landfill, DFW Airport will explore more ways to reduce our environmental impact.

5) What about those with disabilities who need a straw?

Exceptions will be provided for those with disabilities.