

HOW WE SUCK IS CHANGING

PLASTIC STRAWS CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

What types of plastic straws are banned?

With the exception of flexible plastic straws individually wrapped in paper, which may be provided upon request for accessibility, the bylaw bans plastic straws that are:

- Plastic products
- Labeled or described as compostable or degradable
- Labeled or described as plastic made from plants or other biological materials (e.g. corn, potatoes, sugarcane)

Single-use straws made of other materials (e.g. paper) are to be made available by request only.



✓ **NON-PLASTIC
BY REQUEST
ONLY**

Who and what is exempt from the plastic straw ban?

Health Care and Community Care Facilities: The ban does not apply to food service to patients or residents of health or community care facilities licensed under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act. The Plastic Straw ban does apply to food vendors with a business licence whose premises are located in health care or community care facilities (e.g. cafeteria, cafes) that serve prepared food to customers.

Drink boxes and pouches: The bylaw does not apply to plastic straws attached to drink boxes and drink pouches.

Does the Village of Harrison Hot Springs approve or certify straws that meet the bylaw requirements?

No. It is up to the business licence holders to ensure the straws that they distribute meet the bylaw requirements.

How does the Single-Use Plastic Bylaw protect accessibility?

The bylaw includes an exception for business, charities and not-for-profits to provide accessible beverage straws (individually wrapped in paper) to people who need them to safely consume beverages and nutrition. For some people, flexible plastic straws are an important medical tool. The Village strongly encourages businesses to have some of these straws available.

Flexible plastic straws must be stored behind a counter to save them for people who need them. Anyone who asks for a flexible plastic straw should receive one. People are not required, and should not be asked, to provide any medical information to prove their need.



✓ **BRING YOUR
OWN STRAW**





PLASTIC STRAWS CHANGES CONTINUED

Do customers have to ask for straws, or can staff offer them to customers?

Staff can offer them to customers. Businesses, charities and not-for-profits can give out straws when:

- A customer requests them
- A customer confirms they want a straw when offered by the food vendor

This bylaw applies to all orders, including in-person, online and telephone orders.

Can straws be provided at self-serve stations?

Yes. A “self-serve station” is an area on the premises where customers can choose straws for themselves.

Can straws be set out at dining tables?

No. Straws cannot be set out at individual place settings or in a container on dining tables. Straws must only be provided if customers ask for them, or at self-serve stations in a separate area on the premises.

For more information please visit:
harrisonhotsprings.ca/single-use-plastic-items

