

# SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS/STIRRERS

## WHAT ARE THE NEW LAWS REGARDING PLASTIC STRAWS/STIRRERS?

The following regulations were passed to reduce single-use items that contribute to marine debris and other litter:

Assembly Bill (AB) 1884

- This regulation is applicable throughout the State of California including the 88 incorporated cities and the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles.
- The Los Angeles County Plastic Straws and Stirrers Upon Request Ordinance
  - This regulation is applicable **only** in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles.

## WHAT ARE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1884?

AB 1884 prohibits **full-service restaurants in California** from providing single-use plastic straws to consumers unless requested by the consumer.

- The provisions of AB 1884 do not ban or prohibit the use of single-use plastic straws.
- The provisions simply prohibit food service businesses from automatically providing single-use plastic straws to consumers.

## WHAT ARE THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLASTIC STRAWS AND STIRRERS ORDINANCE?

The Los Angeles County Plastic Straws and Stirrers Upon Request Ordinance prohibits **all food service businesses within the County unincorporated areas** from providing single-use plastic straws or stirrers to consumers unless requested by the consumer.

- Per the County Ordinance, food service businesses may ask consumers if they want plastic straws/stirrers.
- Food service businesses that previously provided plastic straws or stirrers to consumers automatically are now required to ask consumers if they want a straw or a stirrer and only provide it if the consumer responds in the affirmative.
- The Los Angeles County regulation also prohibits food service businesses from making single-use plastic straws/stirrers available to consumers from a self-serve dispenser.

## WHAT ARE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS / SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STIRRERS?

**Single-use plastic straw** means a single-use, disposable tube made predominantly of plastic derived from either petroleum or a biologically based polymer, such as corn or other plant sources, used to transfer a beverage from a container to the mouth of the person drinking the beverage.

**Single-use plastic stirrer** means a device that is used to mix beverages, intended for only single-use, and made predominantly of plastic derived from either petroleum or a biologically based polymer, such as corn or other plant sources.

