

# Should Plastic Straws Be Banned?

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People are taking a stand against plastic straws. On July 1, Seattle, Washington, became the first major U.S. city to ban plastic straws. Eight days later, Starbucks announced plans to phase out single-use plastic straws by 2020. More companies and governments soon followed.

Plastic is not biodegradable. It is harmful to the environment. Some say banning plastic straws is an important step toward saving our planet, but others think plastic-straw bans are inconvenient, unnecessary, and unfair.

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