



NEW PROTOCOLS REGARDING PLASTIC STRAWS

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced new restrictions on the distribution of plastic straws, splash sticks, and stirrers. These new policies went into effect November 1, 2021 for all food service establishments [restaurants, cafes, delis, bars, grocery stores, and food trucks].

Key Points:

1. Businesses may not supply single-use plastic straws to customers without customer request.
2. Businesses may not provide single-use plastic stirrers or splash sticks.
3. However, non-compostable plastic straws **MUST** be provided upon customer request.

Protocols:

1. Stock non-compostable plastic straws to fulfill customer requests.
2. Post signs advertising the straws' availability at self-serve stations.
3. Compostable plastic straws permitted to be given out *upon request* only *for use on-premise*.
4. Ensure that the establishment properly separates and disposes of compostable straws through a commercial composting provider.

Penalties Effective November 1, 2022:

- ★ First Offense: \$100 fine
- ★ Second offense: \$200 fine
- ★ Third and subsequent offenses: \$400

For More Information:

Reach out to the New York City Department of Sanitation for more information by visiting www.nyc.gov/dsny or calling (212) 639-9675.



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