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Plastic straws and their environmental impacts have been discussed at length in the last few years. Many restaurants have phased them out and replaced plastic straws with paper straws.

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Plastic straws are commonly found during beach clean ups. Animals have been shown to ingest and subsequently get hurt by plastic waste items like straws. Plastic food contact articles like straws can release potentially harmful chemicals, as well as microplastics, into food and beverages.

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Paper straws may also release harmful chemicals. “Plant-based” and “biodegradable” straws have been found to contain PFAS. Researchers suggest that paper straws may not be the safest alternative to plastic straws in terms of food safety.

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PFAS have also been found in bamboo, glass, and plastic straws according to one study. The only exceptions were stainless steel straws.

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Considering their potential impacts and that straws are largely used for convenience, the question remains: Do you always need to use a straw?

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