

Straw Alternatives

Compostable Bio-plastic (PLA) Straws

Pros

- Disposable in organics
- May be reused
- Generally cost effective
- For cold beverages

Cons

- Not for hot beverages
- Not flexible
- May be confused with plastic

Glass Straws

Pros

- Reusable & washable
- Translucent
- Dishwasher safe/sanitisable
- For hot & cold beverages

Cons

- Rigidity may pose a hazard
- Potential chip/shatter risk
- May be an additional cost

Compostable Paper Straws

Pros

- Disposable in organics
- Generally cost effective
- For cold beverages

Cons

- Not for hot beverages
- Generally not reusable
- May lose shape quickly
- Not flexible

Silicone Straws

Pros

- Reusable & washable
- Soft & flexible
- Dishwasher safe/sanitisable
- For hot & cold beverages

Cons

- May stain over time
- May be an additional cost
- Specialty recycling at end of life

Natural fibres like wood/grass

Pros

- May be reusable & washable
- May be dishwasher safe/sanitisable
- May be for hot & cold beverages

Cons

- May stain over time
- May be an additional cost
- Rigidity or lack of rigidity may pose a hazard

Edible Straws

Pros

- Edible novelty
- Disposable in organics
- No further processing required
- For cold beverages

Cons

- Not for hot beverages
- Rigidity may pose a hazard
- May contain allergens
- Material may be unpalatable

Metal Straws

Pros

- Reusable & washable
- Dishwasher safe/sanitisable
- For cold beverages

Cons

- Not for hot beverages
- May be an additional cost
- Rigidity may pose a hazard