

Dear Restaurant Manager,

Yakima County, Solid Waste Division, is working to support businesses and citizens who want to keep single-use plastic items out of our waste stream and landfills. To help that effort, we have developed **FREE** table tents for restaurants who want to add their support to the growing list of businesses who are being proactive about reducing plastic waste.

Did you know? Over 500,000,000 plastic straws are used each day in the United States. These short-lived tools are usually dropped into a garbage can with no further thought, instantly becoming a source of plastic pollution.

The Last Straw movement is building momentum worldwide and strives to make plastic straws a relic of the past.

How can you help?

- Only provide straws to customers who request them.
- Use paper straws (while still disposable, they do not cause persistent long term damage to our waterways and wildlife).

To request your free **Last Straw** table tents, contact Yakima County Solid Waste Division at (509)574-2450. Local participating restaurants may be featured on our website or Facebook page.

If you decide to *fully* give up plastic straws you can even add your business on the LastPlasticStraw.org website. <https://thelastplasticstraw.org/restaurant-directory/>

Thank you for doing your part to reduce plastic waste!

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