

The War on Plastic Straws 禁用塑膠吸管真的比較環保？

The war on **straws** is growing as many people want to ban the use of plastic straws. Governments and fast-food restaurants are working to reduce plastic **waste**. McDonald's has stopped **providing** plastic straws. Starbucks will stop using straws by 2020. Eco-friendly alternatives are available, but many of them have other problems.

Plastic straws are bad for the earth because they cannot be **recycled**. There are around eight million tons of plastic trash that end up in our **oceans** every year. Sea turtles are being found with straws stuck up their noses.

Two of the most common straw alternatives are paper and **metal**. Paper straws are still a single-use waste item and are not much better for the environment than plastic straws. Metal straws may **conduct** heat and they are also hard to clean as bacteria can grow inside the straw. The best option is to go strawless as people will save the earth by reducing waste.

擔憂的民眾想要禁止使用塑膠吸管，打擊吸管之戰蓄勢待發。政府與連鎖速食店正致力於減少塑膠廢料，麥當勞也停止提供塑膠吸管，星巴克也將於 2020 年前停止使用吸管。有許多環保替代品可取得，但也有許多替代品為地球帶來其他問題。

塑膠吸管對地球帶來不好的影響，因為他們無法回收再利用。每年約有八百萬噸的塑膠垃圾流進海洋，海龜的鼻孔被發現深深插著吸管，塑膠汙染對海洋動物造成危險。

最常見的兩樣吸管取代品是紙吸管跟金屬吸管。紙吸管仍然是一次性使用品，並沒有對環境比較好，金屬吸管會導熱，而且因為吸管內部容易滋生細菌，不容易清洗乾淨。因此，最好的選擇是完全不使用吸管，這樣一來才能真的透過減塑來拯救地球。