



Goodies

Too much plastic

TO help protect the environment, more and more eateries have stopped giving out plastic utensils, including straws. Hong Kong is also coming around to the idea. McDonald's, KFC, Starbucks, Ocean Park, Hong Kong Disneyland and other places have all announced they will stop giving plastic straws.

How am I going to drink without a straw?!

We can bring our own paper or metal straws!





The last straw

ON 3 September, McDonald's wrote on social media that it would stop giving out plastic straws, though only on Mondays. If customers want plastic straws, they will have to ask for them **specifically**.

Growing support

BEFORE McDonald's, many eateries in Hong Kong had already said they would no longer provide plastic straws. KFC said so in August and then Maxim's joined in as well. Ocean Park and Hong Kong Disneyland both said the restaurants inside their theme parks would not have straws anymore. Many canteens in local universities are giving up plastic straws, too.



Say no to disposable plastic eating utensils!



All over the world

IN other places, the **drive** to reduce plastic **utensils** goes even further. Some cities in the US have banned all plastic straws, like Seattle (西雅圖). Other greener cities, such as San Francisco (三藩市), want to do the same as well. All branches of Starbucks will stop handing out plastic straws and cutlery by 2020.



Origin of the idea

THE 'no straw' **movement** started back in 2011, when a (then) nine-year-old American boy named Milo Cress saw people taking out straws from their drinks to drink **straight** from the cup. Finding that **wasteful**, he did a little research and found out that 500 million plastic straws were used in the US every day. He started writing to anyone who would listen and a movement was born.



Milo Cress



Which of these would take a hundred years to break down and return to nature?



A Eggshells



B Plastic straws



C Banana peel

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