

Compostable Straw Options

Paper

[Aardvark](#) - Offers paper straws in a wide variety of sizes and colors and offers an “Eco-Flex” option that bends at the top. The straws are 100% compostable and biodegradable, This is the brand that Shedd uses and many other organizations and businesses use and recommend this brand. Aardvark has been experiencing high demand so has recommended a 12-16 week lead time on large orders. You can buy directly from their website or from local distributors

[SeaStraws](#)- New York company that sells paper straws that are 100% compostable and biodegradable. Offers three colors of paper straws but only in the standard size. 5% of the price of the straws go to the Plastic Pollution Coalition, a non-profit aiming to stop plastic pollution.

[Eco Products](#) – Offers a selection of flexible paper straws, but only in the standard 7.75” size.

[Onyx Company](#) – A Chicago-based single source provider of sustainable food service products and more. They currently offer Aardvark paper straws and compostable PLA straws, but they are developing their own paper straw with Better Earth that will be available in August!

Compostable plastic or PLA

These are made of a “bioplastic” that is plant-based and compostable only in commercial compost facilities, they will not biodegrade if they end up in the environment. We typically only recommend these to businesses who have a commercial compost service. They are typically a bit cheaper than paper and hold up better in drinks.

[Eco Products](#) – offers a variety of colors, sizes (including cocktail straws), and wrapped and unwrapped.

Wheat

[Hay](#) - Hay! Straws are made from wheat and are 100% natural, biodegradable and are classified as gluten-free. They come in the standard 7.75” size and smaller 5” size for cocktails. Sell straws wholesale to hospitality industry.

Reusable Options

Stainless steel

Stainless steel straws are a durable reusable option. They are dishwasher safe and can be bought in bulk relatively cheap. Some companies also sell silicone straw tips for people who need a soft and more flexible top.

[Steelys Drinkware](#) – Stainless steel straws in various sizes and bent and straight options. Bulk quantities.

Silicone

Silicone straws are a great reusable option that are still durable but softer and more flexible than other options which may be easier for kids and people with disabilities to use. They are dishwasher safe.

[Mooker](#) – Bent silicone straws and metal straws with silicone tips. All one size.

[GoSili](#) – 100% silicone straws, come in three different lengths. All straight straws.