

SEAPORT CELEBRATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, JUNE 5TH!

This year's theme is "Beat Plastic Pollution". Seaport is participating by eliminating all plastic in Seaport Landing for the day; this includes straws (but take a look at the *new Hay Straws which we will now be using in Seaport Landing—made of hay!*), condiment wrappers and plastic bags.

Some staggering facts about plastic (courtesy of *National Geographic*):

- > Shoppers in the United States use almost one plastic bag per resident, per day. Shoppers in Denmark use an average of four plastic bags per year.
- > Nearly a million plastic beverage bottles are sold every minute around the world. In 2015, Americans purchased about 346 bottles per person—111 billion plastic beverage bottles in all.
- > Some 18 billion pounds of plastic waste flows in the oceans each year. That's the equivalent of five grocery bags of plastic trash sitting on every foot of coastline around the world. It takes 500—1,000 years for plastic to degrade.

So, what type of plastic are you willing to give-up?



Straws

500 million are used & discarded daily in the U.S. (via thelastplasticstraw.org)



Plastic bags

Worldwide, as many as 1 trillion bags are used each year and less than 5% of plastic is recycled (via epa.gov)



Plastic water bottles

Americans throw away 35 billion plastic water bottles annually (via Brita)

We would encourage every Seaport team member to take a few minutes and think about how you can make a difference at home. Whether you choose to not use straws anymore or switch from plastic bags to recycled ones when you shop or move to a reusable water bottle instead of plastic ones, every little bit helps!

With this in mind, WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK! (PLEASE TEAR OFF THIS BOTTOM PIECE AND DROP IN THE BASKET AT SEAPORT LANDING)

We are considering providing each Seaport team member with a reusable tumbler (cup) for use in Seaport Landing. WE NEED YOUR INPUT. Would you be willing to wash & reuse this cup? We would remove all other cups & glassware from Seaport Landing.

YES _____

NO _____

