



ORANGE COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA

**skip** the  
**straw!**

A campaign to reduce use of  
plastic straws in Orange County

# Background

- In October 2018, the Town of Chapel Hill along with Orange County, Carrboro and Hillsborough proclaimed March 2019 to be “Skip the Straw” Month (and October 2018 was declared ‘Reduce single use plastics month, more generally).
- County Solid Waste Staff, with others throughout the Town & County, have organized activities and events for “Skip the Straw” month .

# What's Planned

- Two screenings of “Straws”- a film about the environmental impacts of single use plastic straws on the oceans - by NC Filmmaker Linda Booker who will speak at both events. Other speakers are Bonnie Monteleone Founding Director of the Plastic Ocean Project in Wilmington and Bryant Holsenbeck, Durham-based garbage artist and author of “The Last Straw”.

March 25      Varsity Theater &

March 26      Orange County Library

- Recruiting local businesses to pledge to “Skip the Straw”  
(see list to date)
- Soliciting residents to pledge to “Skip the Straw. Pledge form now available on line at [www.orangecountync.gov/skipthestrav](http://www.orangecountync.gov/skipthestrav)
- Collaborating with Orange County Solid Waste Department and other Towns, mostly through Stormwater Management divisions/departments, other environmental interests and UNC, through Green Games, to amplify the messages
- Advertisements and social media promotions of “Skip the Straw”

# List of Businesses Pledging to *“Skip the Straw”* (as of 3/5/2019)

411 West

Bonchon

Caffe Triade

Carolina Coffee Shop

Carrboro Pizza Oven

Carrburitos

Cuban Revolution Express

Dead Mule Club

Four Corners

Frutta Bowls

Glasshalffull

Italian Pizzeria 3

Kurama Sushi and Noodle

La Residence

La Vita Dolce

Lantern Restaurant

Linda's Bar and Grill

Lula's

Mediterranean Deli

Mellow Mushroom Chapel

Hill

Midici

Open Eye Café

Perrenial

Radius

Spotted Dog

Squid's

The Franklin Hotel

Trolley Stop Hot Dogs

Tylers Taproom

# Poster advertising screenings & pledge site to “Skip the Straw”

# skip the straw!



Register to attend a **FREE** screening of **“Straws”** and take the **Skip the Straw Pledge!**

A documentary about the environmental impact caused by single-use plastics.

**March 25, 2019 7 pm**      **March 26, 2019 7 pm**

Varsity Theater  
123 E. Franklin St.  
Chapel Hill

OC Main Library  
137 W. Margaret Ln.  
Hillsborough

Producer/director Linda Booker will speak and a reception will follow each screening.



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ORANGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

*The Orange County Board of Commissioners have proclaimed March as Skip the Straw Month.*



# The 'Turtle Lot' downtown Chapel Hill with 'straws' (artist's concept)



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