

If must have one, why not try a reusable straw

Reusable and biodegradable straws are available in South Africa. And some of them are even produced locally.

I've created a list of alternatives to the single-use plastic variety.

Locally-produced straws

[ReStraws](#)

ReStraws are glass straws that are individually handcrafted and branded locally. The brand has partnered with [Upcycle](#) to create hemp sleeves in which to store your ReStraw.

Upcycle itself is worth a look at. They say on their website: "Upcycle has been working closely with many companies to provide them with solutions to their waste issues. Our team of experts is ready for the challenge of making your company green. Our vision is to make going green, simple, easy and effective."

[Stream Straws](#)

These are are handcrafted in Cape Town from borosilicate glass, rendering it extremely durable. Their website says these straws are suitable for all ages, resistant to thermal shock and is also dishwasher friendly. Because of this, each straw comes with a lifetime guarantee.

[Immortal Straws](#)

These are locally crafted in South Africa od high-quality stainless steel. I really like that they have two sizes - the smoothie straw and the slender

straw. Nothing irks me more than try to suck up my favourite smoothie through a straw that doesn't work.

[Whale Coast Conservation](#)

This organisation is a group of volunteers dedicated to raising community and visitor awareness of the unique, biodiverse natural resources of the Cape Whale Coast region.

They also formulate projects that convert awareness into practical actions that lead towards living sustainably.

One such project is their manufacture of stainless steel straws.

For more information [email](#) Rob Fryer.

All profits go to the organisation. They also produce cigarette butt & poop bins.

[Monkey Straw Co](#)

Their mission is to make reusable bamboo straws as cheaply as possible and to make them easily accessible.

Straws from Africa

[Khanyiso Straws](#)

These biodegradable and reusable straws are made from the Khanyiso reed which grows naturally and abundantly in Mozambique. According to its Facebook page these straws are "raw and organic, with each straw as individual as the person who made it".

Imported straws

I'm a firm believer in buying local. And with so many straw options available to us, I don't know why we would still opt for an imported variety. However,

in the interests of fairness, here is a list of imported straws that you can get in South Africa.

[Foreva Straws](#)

These are available in packs of 4 and are packaged with a cleaning brush.

[We Care Collective](#)

The We Care Collective offers eco-friendly, sustainable products. Their bamboo straws are reusable, biodegradable, and 100% organic.