



OCEAN FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

WHAT'S AN OCEAN FRIENDLY RESTAURANT?

In response to increased plastic pollution in coastal zones and the ocean, the Surfrider Foundation created the Ocean Friendly Restaurants program. The goals of the program are to eliminate plastic pollution while also addressing ways that restaurants can help protect the coast through conservation efforts.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN OCEAN FRIENDLY RESTAURANT?

An Ocean Friendly Restaurant meets all of these requirements:

1. No plastic straws. Paper or reusable straws provided only upon request
2. Only reusable tableware is provided for onsite dining
3. Takeout food and beverage containers are compostable
4. Non-plastic takeout bags, condiments, disposable utensils and napkins are provided only upon request.
5. Proper recycling & compost practices are followed throughout the restaurant with standardized labels

Optional Requirements - Must Meet Minimum of 3:

1. Ashcan available on-site
2. No beverages sold in plastic bottles
3. Large size water dispenser available
4. All paper products are 100% recycled
5. Wood cutlery for to-go ware (instead of biodegradable plastic)
6. Customers are able to use their own to-go containers
7. Vegetarian/vegan food options are offered on a regular basis
8. All seafood must be a "Best Choice" or "Good Alternative" as defined by Seafood Watch or certified as sustainable

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- Advertising to consumers through Surfrider social media, email blasts and newsletters
- A decal for your window that designates your restaurant(s) as Ocean Friendly certified
- Promotion at Surfrider special events such as launch parties, community events, and beach clean ups
- Free consulting on finding environmentally conscious products that work for you
- Money savings on monthly Recology bill

WHO'S BEHIND OCEAN FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS?

Ocean Friendly Restaurants is a program of Surfrider's Rise Above Plastics Committee, whose mission is to decrease the impacts of plastics in the marine environment by:

1. Raising awareness about the dangers of plastic pollution.
2. Advocating for a reduction of single-use plastics.
3. Advocating for the recycling of all plastics.



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