Paper straw is not a solution

As the plastic craze and its harmful effects take the media spotlight, many companies and people all across the globe are switching to paper straws instead of plastic as an eco-friendly alternative.

But does paper straw really solve the problem?

Making a paper straw requires growing a tree, cutting it down, and pulping and pressing it into a tube. Manufacturers then use fossil fuels to ship the straws to stores and cafés. Many paper straws on the market are not even compostable or recyclable, as promised.

What can address the issue?

Replacing plastic with other materials, unlike most of us may think, does the environment no better. For each product being made it requires a considerable amount of natural resrouces and energy, thus contributing greatly to environmental pollution. Therefore, the root cause lies in eradicating consumerism, in reducing our consumption of goods.



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