

# Learn how straws harm the environment

The Last Straw is an event in Incline Village to bring awareness to the plastic devices that fill landfills, and end up polluting streams, oceans, and beaches.

It is said that 500 million straws are used and discarded every day in the United States. That is enough straws to wrap around the Earth's circumference 2.5 times a day.

Students at the Tahoe Environmental Research Center will host educational tables during happy hour from 5:30-6pm on April 19 on the campus of Sierra Nevada College. At 6pm, students will present on local programs to reduce single use plastic waste and host screenings of the short films "Straws" and "Everything Connects."

This collaborative event is hosted by local students together with IVGID Waste Not, Keep Truckee Green, League to Save Lake Tahoe, SOS Outreach, Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships, Tahoe Institute for Natural Science, and UC Davis TERC.

The event is free, though **registration** is required.