Did you know over 500 million straws are used in the U.S. each day? That number of straws is enough to wrap around the Earth 2-1/2 times each day?

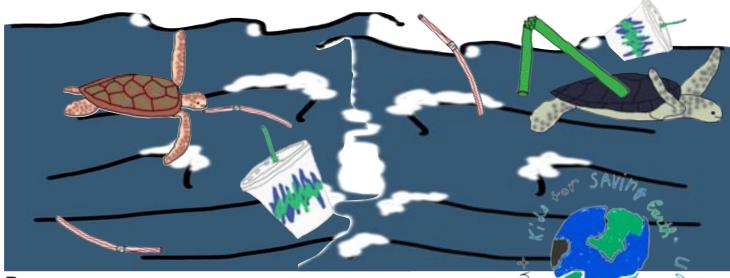
Here's the Problem:



- 1. Many of these straws end up on beaches and lakes and rivers. They harm millions of animals!
- 2. Plastic straws are made of oil. The less we use oil, the less we cause harm to our beautiful Earth in order to drill for oil.
- 3. When we use 500 million straws each day, it's the same as filling 127 school buses full of straws each day. Where will all that trash go?

What can I do?

- 1. Stop using one-time use plastic straws.
- 2. Try to drink beverages without using straws. If you have to use a straw, use reusable ones.
- 3. When you go to a restaurant or a fast food place like McDonalds, ask them NOT to give you a straw.
- **4.** Write a letter about the straw problem to businesses which use one-time use straws. Tell them to stop using the straws.
- 5. Order a KSE button that says: "I won't use plastic straws."
- **6.** Send us a photo of all the plastic straws you have collected from your beach, parks, or wherever you find them.



Resources:

http://ecocycle.org/bestrawfree/faqs#links

Thelastplasticstraw.org

https://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/no-straw-please/

www.kidsforsavingearth.org