

Great Paper Straws Set to Compete at StartUp MHK

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Great Paper Straws, a company that manufactures Astraws® brand paper straws, is pleased to announce that they will be competing at StartUp MHK, an entrepreneurial competition in Manhattan, Kansas. The competition is held every fall, and invites competitors to pitch their businesses and ideas to a panel of qualified and connected judges to compete for the chance to win cash prizes while also making connections in the business world through the exposure the event grants. The event will help many small businesses find their feet and grow, as it has for the past few years.

This year, the competition will be slightly different. Instead of a first, second, and third place winner, prize money will be awarded to winners in one of three categories. The categories are Tech, Non-Tech, and People's Choice. The Tech category will include products or software that provide technological advancement or services that benefit the world of technology. Non-Tech entries includes products, goods, or services that would be considered non-technical. The People's Choice category winner will be decided by how well received the pitch is by the audience.

Great Paper Straws will be at the event pitching their paper straws. "We have a big problem. It's plastic waste," says Great Paper Straws. "We generate enough plastic waste every year to fill landfills and oceans. Soon, our oceans will have more plastic than fish. Plastic takes centuries to break down. When it does, it breaks down into micro plastics which get then get into our food supply. We then eat it."

They continued, saying, "Is recycling the answer? No. No one wants the plastic. No one wants to buy it or recycle it. So we end up burying plastic that well-intended consumers thought would be recycled. Instead, we think the answer is to reduce, then eliminate single-use plastic all together. That's what we've done, one great paper straw at a time."

Paper straws have earned a bad reputation, due to a majority of suppliers producing flimsy, almost unusable paper straws. McDonald's introduced paper straws in the UK and they were very poorly received due to the flimsy design they incorporated. Both consumers and media outlets were unhappy with the straws, and paper straws have since come to be known for falling apart very quickly when placed in any liquid. Great Paper

Straws aims to produce sturdier, more reliable paper straws. As a Marriott representative said recently, "While there is no shortage of paper straws, there is a shortage of quality paper straws that last long without falling apart in your drink." Great Paper Straws wants to be one of the few companies supplying high quality paper straws across the United States. Read more about the company's products here: [Paper Straws Wholesale](#).

It has been estimated that Americans use 550 million straws each day and, with the growing need for more environmentally friendly options, many companies will find themselves in need of paper straws to fill the void left by plastic straws. The paper straw market is expected to grow at more than 10% compounded annual growth over the next five years. Great Paper Straws' straws, notably, stand out from their peers because they are water resistant. Being water resistant means the straws last longer while also using less material. Crucially, they are 100% biodegradable, compostable, and recyclable.

The fact that Great Paper Straws' paper straws are made in the USA means that there are no extra costs or tariffs. "Our paper drinking straws are proudly made in the USA, in Manhattan, KS, to be precise," says the company. "If you have been searching for a sturdy premium paper straw that won't fall apart in your lips or in your drink, then our Astraws® brand drinking straws are for you."

With many cities, states, and countries taking steps to eliminate single use plastic, plastic straws are next, so it may be time to consider switching to more environmentally friendly options. Those interested in getting in touch with the company may reach out to Enrique Garibay of Great Paper Straws or connect with them through their social media channels. Online orders can be made here: [Paper Straws Bulk](#).

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