



# REUSE CHOPSTICKS



# SAVE SALAMANDERS



## WHY REUSE CHOPSTICKS?

- 3.8 million trees are felled each year to supply timber for the disposable chopsticks industry.
- The deforestation for the production of disposable chopsticks is an international problem and comes with the loss of critical animal habitat.
- Disposable chopsticks cost approximately two cents a pair for restaurants and reusable chopsticks cost around \$1.17 a pair. However, reusable chopsticks have a life span of about 130 meals, making them cheaper in comparison.
- In 2006 to combat the massive deforestation in China the "Bring Your Own Chopsticks" movement (BYOC) was developed, helping raise public awareness and eventually galvanizing legislative action.
- Disposable chopsticks are an unnecessary commodity that, much like plastic bags, have an environmental friendly counterpart.

## WHY SAVE SALAMANDERS?

- Salamanders are the most abundant vertebrate in many forest floor habitats and consume a vast amount of insects and other invertebrates.
- Salamanders are indicators of environmental health and help scientist better mitigate threats facing ecosystems.
- The Appalachian Mountains range from Canada to Alabama and are home to 14 percent of the approximated 618 species of caudates in the world.
- This habitat is vital and is currently threatened by mountain top removal, encroaching development, pollution, and intensive logging.
- The old growth Appalachian forests could be targeted for chopstick production in the future as the disposable chopstick industry has targeted the United States and Canada in the past.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Bring your own chopsticks (BYOC) when dining out!
- Talk to your local restaurant owners about changing over to reusable/washable chopsticks.
- Support Chopsticks for Salamanders by spreading the word and purchasing your own pair of reusable chopsticks today!

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