

# Refuse disposable plastics

## THE FACTS

### Plastic is forever

Every bit of plastic that has ever been created still exists, including the small amount that has been incinerated and has become toxic particulate matter. Plastic is a material that the Earth cannot digest.

### Plastic poisons our food chain

Plastic creates toxic pollution at every stage of its existence: manufacture, use, and disposal. In the environment, plastic breaks down into small particles that attract toxic chemicals. These particles are ingested by wildlife on land and in the ocean, contaminating the food chain.

### Plastic affects human health

Harmful chemicals leached by plastics are present in the bloodstream and tissues of almost every one of us, including newborns.

### Disposable plastics are the main source of plastic pollution

Consumption of disposable plastics—bags, bottles, straws, utensils, polystyrene cups, film, food packaging and more—has spiraled out of control. These items are used for seconds, hours or days, but their remains last forever.

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# Start now: choose plastic-free reusables instead

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### Plastic recycling is not enough

Most of our plastic waste is landfilled, down-cycled, incinerated or exported to other countries. Recycling of plastic is costly and does not stem the production of virgin plastic product.

### Plastic pollution is massive, global and urgent

The amount of plastic pollution in the ocean is expanding at a catastrophic rate, but there are similar concentrations of plastic in the desert, in communities around the world, in our homes and in us.

Plastic Pollution Coalition is a global alliance of individuals, organizations, businesses and policy-makers working toward a world free of plastic pollution and its toxic impacts on humans, animals and the environment.



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