

PLASTIC BAGS...



NEVER GO AWAY: Up to 1,000 years to break down—smaller pieces become more embedded in wildlife.

FLOAT EVERYWHERE: Because they are lightweight, bags blow out of trash cans, dumpsters, and trucks.

WASTE ENERGY: Manufacturing plastic bags uses up petroleum and natural gas: 14 plastic bags could drive a car 1 mile!



Sources: Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, Worldwatch Institute, loveyourearth.org, onegreenplanet.org, banthebottle.net, earth911.org, International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

BAG THE BAG!

SINGLE USE PLASTIC...

POLLUTES THE OCEAN: 95% of plastic in the ocean comes from land. Litter flows to the sea.

IS TOXIC: Plastic breaks down into toxic particles that bioaccumulate in plankton and fish—including the seafood we eat.

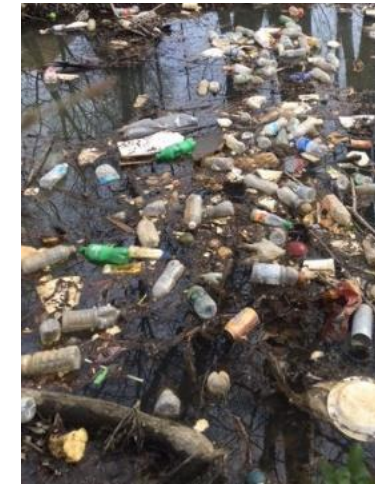


KILLS WILDLIFE: Scientists estimate that ingesting plastics kills 1 million marine birds and 100,000 marine animals yearly: 267 marine species suffer from entanglement or ingesting plastic marine debris.



SAY “NO” TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS!

PLASTIC BOTTLES...



CAN BE REUSED ONLY ONCE: While a plastic water bottle can be turned into plastic lumber for outdoor decking, playground equipment,

carpet, clothing, and car parts, once that item is no longer used, it adds to our trash pile.

WASTE ENERGY: Making bottles to meet America’s demand for bottled water uses more than 17 million barrels of oil annually.

ARE TAP WATER IN DISGUISE: 24% of bottled water sold in the United States is either Pepsi’s Aquafina or Coke’s Dasani. Both are purified municipal water. Fairfax Water meets or exceeds EPA standards and has fluoride to protect teeth.

WASTE MONEY: At more than a dollar a bottle, bottled water does not make economic sense.

BOOT THE BOTTLE!

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The Trash Action Work Force (TAWF) works to end plastic pollution. We are committed to challenging the policies and practices which enable and incentivize single-use plastics and other pollutants in our communities, watersheds, and oceans. We engage in actions to inspire individuals, communities, governments, and corporations to stop plastic pollution, affirming our vision of a better world. Join us!

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USE REUSABLES:

Skip the bag altogether, unless you have multiple items.

Store reusable bags in the car so they are handy and put them on the passenger seat when you are headed to the store.

Leave a reusable water bottle and coffee mug in your car to fill and refill on-the-go, to take to meetings, and when you travel.

Say no to plastic straws.

Purchase bulk items using containers or reusable bags.

Bring a reusable container to the restaurant to take home leftovers.

For more information on plastic pollution and alternatives, go to <http://www.earthday.org/wp-content/uploads/Plastic-Pollution-Primer-and-Action-Toolkit.pdf>

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