

PLEASE DON'T TRASH OUR OCEAN!

Single use plastic items like straws, shopping bags and water bottles/caps are some of the most common items found during beach cleanups. These plastic items do not decompose. They only break down into smaller and smaller pieces of plastic.

Please *avoid using single-use plastics*. Say “no straw please” and carry a reusable water bottle and shopping bags.

Some fabrics are made of plastic. *Look for natural fiber fabrics* (cotton, rayon) rather than synthetics (microfiber, polyester, nylon, polypropylene). Every time we wash synthetic fabrics, tiny plastic fibers go down the drain. This is the #1 type of microplastic found in the ocean.

In the ocean, plastic items are eaten by animals like sea turtles and birds. If animals eat enough plastics, they can starve to death.

Learn more at www.plasticaware.org

Plastic fragments found in 10 m² at the beach (ruler is in cm).



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