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The usage of plastic products in the last 70 years has been extraordinary.

We are now producing nearly 300 million tons of plastic every year, half of which is for single use.

Now, more than eight million tons of plastic are dumped into our oceans every year.

GET TO KNOW THE EVERYDAY PLASTICS THAT HARM OUR STREETS AND SEAS AND FIND WAYS TO DECREASE THE NEED FOR SINGLE-USE PLASTICS.



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Source: (<http://plasticocean.com/the-facts>)



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PLASTIC BAGS

LIFE SPAN:

20 to 400 years

FAST FACTS:

Annually, approximately 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide. One study found that by the year 2050, there could be more plastic than fish in the ocean.

A plastic bag has an average use of only 15 minutes. Skip the plastic bag and use your own reusable shopping bag instead.



THE SOLUTION

BRING
YOUR OWN
SHOPPING
BAG.



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PLASTIC LIDS

LIFE SPAN:

20 to 400 years

FAST FACTS:

Starbucks alone uses approximately four billion cups of coffee a year. That's billions of plastic lids winding up in landfills every year, averaging up to 11 million lids a day or 500,000 lids an hour.

After their one-time use, these lids will survive in the environment for hundreds of years, eventually breaking down into smaller and smaller pieces, entering our waterways and polluting our oceans.



THE SOLUTION

1. GO TOPLESS! REQUEST TO HAVE THE LID REMOVED.
2. REQUEST TO HAVE YOUR DRINK IN A MUG IF YOU'RE DRINKING YOUR COFFEE AT THE CAFE.
3. BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE TUMBLER.

MORE INFO:
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PLASTIC STRAWS

LIFE SPAN:

20 to 400 years



FAST FACTS:

Straws are rarely recycled. In the US alone, an average of 500 million straws are used everyday. Out of the 500 million straws, only 5% is recycled. The rest end up in landfills, and worse, in our coasts and oceans, potentially killing marine life.

Straws may seem like they do no harm, but the impact they can have on the environment and animals is huge. It's the small things that count.

THE SOLUTION

SKIP THE STRAW
OR USE A METAL,
GLASS, OR
BAMBOO
STRAW.

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PLASTIC BOTTLES

LIFE SPAN:

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FAST FACTS:

According to the Container Recycling Institute, 100.7 billion plastic beverage bottles were sold in 2014 in the United States alone. That's about 315 bottles per person!

Fifty-seven percent (57%) of those were plastic water bottles. That's 57.3 billion water bottles sold in one year!



THE SOLUTION

BRING YOUR
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WATER
BOTTLE.



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