



Plastic Pollution: Microplastics

- Worldwide, nearly 300 million tons of plastic is produced every year, yet only 8% of that plastic is recycled. The rest ends up in landfills or as litter.
- Plastic does not go away, it just gets smaller and smaller.
- Plastic pieces 5mm or smaller are called Microplastics.
- Microplastics have been found in our soil, streams, tap water, bottled water, beer and even in the air we breathe.



Fragments

Small pieces of larger plastic objects such as plastic bottles, bags, toys, flipflops.



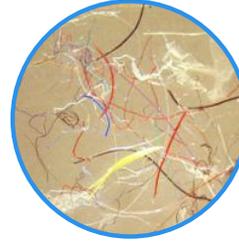
Nurdles

Plastic pellets used to manufacture larger plastic items.



Microbeads

Small spheres of plastic used as exfoliant in beauty products. Banned in 2015 but remain in the environment.



Fibers

Plastic strands from clothing, fleece, towels and performance wear.



Polystyrene

Pieces of food containers, coolers, coffee cups, insulation.



Car Tires

A large portion of microplastics in the ocean have been traced back to "tire dust" from roads.

The plastic being released into the environment must be drastically reduced and it's up to us to make the change:

REDUCE your use of plastic

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