

PLASTICS POLLUTION INFORMATION RESOURCES



The Story of Stuff

From its extraction through sale, use and disposal, all the stuff in our lives affects communities at home and abroad, yet most of this is hidden from view. The Story of Stuff is a fast-paced, 20-minute, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. The Story of Stuff exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever. [go to website](#)

Algalita Marine Research Foundation

The Algalita Marine Research Foundation, founded by Captain Charles Moore, is dedicated to the protection of the marine environment and its watersheds through research, education, and restoration. Oceanographic Research Vessel Algalita and its Captain found their true calling after a 1997 yacht race to Hawaii. On his return voyage, Captain Moore veered from the usual sea route and saw an ocean he had never known, "there were shampoo caps and soap bottles and plastic bags and fishing floats as far as I could see. Here I was in the middle of the ocean, and there was nowhere I could go to avoid the plastic." Ever since, Captain Moore has dedicated his time and resources to understanding and remediating the ocean's plastic load. [go to website](#)

Our Synthetic Sea Video Preview

A 9-minute preview of a video titled "Our Synthetic Sea" which traces the groundbreaking research conducted by the Algalita Marine Research Foundation (AMRF) regarding the exponential buildup of "non-biodegradable" plastic debris in the world's ocean. The program documents AMRF research and sampling from Hawaii, the North Central Pacific Gyre, and the California Coastline. [view video](#)

Plastic Pollution in our Oceans

An informative and interactive educational experience, complete with a quiz, that teaches students about the effects of plastic pollution in our oceans, how plastic gets into our oceans and what you can do about it. [view slide show](#)

Slideshow: Why and How to Stop Plastic Bag Pollution

Using a potent combination of facts and images, this slide show tells the story of plastic bag over-consumption. Its short, visual format provides an incredible tool to educate and inform. Credit for creating it goes to Vishal Mody, a public school teacher from Chicago. [view slide show](#)

Stop Trashing the Climate

Stop Trashing the Climate provides compelling evidence that preventing waste and expanding reuse, recycling, and composting programs — that is, aiming for zero waste — is one of the fastest, cheapest, and most effective strategies available for combating climate change. [go to website](#)

Guide to Plastics Recycling Numbers

Plastic products are typically labeled with a number surrounded by the recycling symbol. These numbers and labels identify both the type of resin used to make the plastic and the products' recyclability. Associated with the different types of resin are potential health risks. This table summarizes seven different types of commonly used plastics, product examples, recyclability, and potential health risks. [go to website](#)



PVC: The Poison Plastic

Provides details of the campaign against PVC being waged by the Center for Health, Environment and Justice. PVC (polyvinyl chloride) products are everywhere and are dangerous to our health and environment from start to finish - in the factory, at home, and in the trash - releasing poisonous chemicals linked to cancer and birth defects. The good news is that safe, cost-effective, alternatives to PVC are readily available and responsible companies are phasing it out. [go to website](#)

Plastic Bags Fact Sheet

A two-page fact sheet on plastic bags – problems, FAQs, and solutions – from Zero Waste San Diego. [go to website](#)

Top Ten Ways to Reduce Plastic Consumption

A list of easy steps anyone can take to help stem the growth of the plastic plague. [go to website](#)

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