

# Earth Day 2018: End Plastic Pollution

## Help End Plastic Pollution Online Petition



Did you know that 300 million tons of plastic are sold each year and that 90% of that is thrown away? Did you know that a huge percentage of those plastics end up in our landfills, our oceans, our wildlife and our bodies? Did you know that as plastic breaks down in our environment it can mimic human hormones and is linked to everything from breast cancer to early puberty? Is that what we want? Each segment of society bears the responsibility for this. Our corporations are making billions of dollars selling their products in disposal plastic containers but are refusing to take responsibility for what happens to the 100s of millions of plastic containers and bags that move through our global economy every single day. Our governments are unable or unwilling to take the health risks of plastic seriously and are not moving to ban single use plastics and non-recyclable products. And we are also at fault because we haven't made the break from single use plastics even though alternatives are now on the markets.

Tell our global leaders that the world can't take much more plastic. If enough of us get behind a global ban on single use plastics, we can begin to heal our oceans, our wildlife, and our children.

### **To World Leaders, National Governments, and Local Legislators:**

300 million tons of fossil fuel based plastic are sold each year and 90% of that is thrown away, destroying our food, our water and our health. Governments can make this happen now! They can ban single use plastics and help support a move to sustainable non-polluting, non-fossil fuel based alternatives. We call on you to immediately phase out single-use plastics, support sustainable alternatives, and tackle the billions of tons of plastics that are already in our oceans, our streams, our wildlife, and ourselves.

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