

Links to websites and articles of interest about PLASTICS

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Organizations & Websites

CIEL Center for International Environmental Law

<https://www.ciel.org> and <https://www.ciel.org/plasticandclimate/>

“**Plastic & Climate: The Hidden Costs of a Plastic Planet**” a detailed report. Several of the graphic images in my PP are from this document.

The Plastic Atlas 2019 50pp

<https://www.boell.de/sites/default/files/2019-11/Plastic%20Atlas%202019.pdf>

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Beyond Plastics

<https://www.beyondplastics.org> and <https://www.beyondplastics.org/act>

“A nationwide project based at Bennington College in Bennington, Vermont; Beyond Plastics seeks to educate the media, policymakers, and the public on the plastic pollution crisis; encourage businesses to eliminate single-use plastics; train students to become leaders in the anti-plastics movement; and help block new plastic manufacturing and plastic burning facilities.”

Site provides information and practical ideas for taking action.

<https://www.facebook.com/beyondplasticsaction/videos/700007250961389/> Their new report!

Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG)

<https://www.vpirg.org/issues/zerowaste/> and <https://www.vpirg.org/stop-single-use-plastics/>

More VT-specific information and actions.

350VT

<https://350vermont.org/>

Focusing on climate action for a just transition off fossil fuels in Vermont.

Break Free From Plastic The global movement envisioning a future free from plastic pollution.

<https://www.breakfreefromplastic.org/>

Plastic Soup Foundation

<https://www.plasticsoupfoundation.org/en/plastic-facts-and-figures/>

Lots of information, also apps to help you reduce your plastic “consumption”, also information on the link between plastics and human health.

Zero Waste Europe – Zero waste as a legitimate and desirable future for all

<https://zerowasteurope.eu/about/about-zero-waste/>

<https://www.ecowatch.com/>

Ecowatch “a community of experts publishing quality, science-based content on environmental issues, causes, and solutions for a healthier planet and life.” You can subscribe!

Articles

Packaging makes up nearly half of plastic waste

Matt Leonard, March 26, 2019

<https://www.supplychaindive.com/news/packaging-largest-segment-half-plastic-waste/551243/>

Production, use, and fate of all plastics ever made Geyer et al 2017

<https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.1700782>

Plastic World or Plastic-Free World?

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/issues/solving-plastic>

Are plastic containers safe for our food?

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/feb/18/are-plastic-containers-safe-to-use-food-experts>

You're Paying for Plastic Pollution (2019)

<https://medium.com/center-for-biological-diversity/youre-paying-for-plastic-pollution-af80c3567be5>

“They pulled 63,000 pounds of trash from the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, but that's just the start”

About The Ocean Cleanup project.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2021/10/29/great-pacific-garbage-patch-ocean-cleanup-nets-63000-pounds-trash/6138815001/>

More info at The Ocean Cleanup project website: <https://theoceancleanup.com/>

100 Steps to a Plastic-Free Life includes lot of links to products and DIY items

<https://myplasticfreelife.com/plasticfreeguide/>

Terracycle – recycling a long list of specific products and packaging that are otherwise “trash” BUT carbon costs of shipping hard-to-recycle items; may be greenwashing...

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>

Plastic industry pollution to overtake coal in US by 2030, report says

<https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2021/10/plastic-industry-pollution-to-overtake-coal-in-us-by-2030-report-says/>

America's 'recycled' plastic waste is clogging landfills, survey finds

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/feb/18/americas-recycled-plastic-waste-is-clogging-landfills-survey-finds>

Udall, Lowenthal Circulate Blueprints for Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act to State Legislators, Wednesday, August 12, 2020

<https://www.productstewardship.us/news/521313/Udall-Lowenthal-Circulate-Blueprints-for-Break-Free-From-Plastic-Pollution-Act-to-State-Legislators.htm>

Bill targets single-use plastics in push to make manufacturers responsible

<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/482396-bill-targets-single-use-plastics-in-push-to-make-manufacturers>

Bags by the Numbers flier

<https://www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/publications/docs/BagFlyer.pdf>