

# REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION

## POSSIBLE ACTIONS

### REDUCE THE AMOUNT PRODUCED (AND CONSUMED)

- Ban/limit use of plastic (read more [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#))
- Tax production and/or consumption of plastic (read more [here](#))
- Charge fees for plastic disposal (read more [here](#))
- "Lightweight" plastic packaging (read more [here](#))
- Switch to non-plastic materials (read more [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#))
- Extend useful life of plastic products by making them more durable, repairable, and reusable (read more [here](#))
- Reduce need for plastic products (e.g., [provide safe drinking water and water fountains](#))
- Increase awareness of plastic pollution and change 'choice architecture' to reduce plastic consumption (read more [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#))



### INCREASE REUSE AND RECYCLING

- Implement plastic deposit-and-return programs (read more [here](#) and [here](#))
- Switch to more easily recycled/higher value plastics (read more [here](#) and [here](#))
- Subsidize recycling of lower-value plastics (read more [here](#))
- Incentivize use of recycled plastics in products (read more [here](#))
- Improve household plastic sorting (e.g., by providing separate bins and recyclability labels) (read more [here](#))
- Increase R&D of and use of new technologies for recycling plastic (read more [here](#) and [here](#))



### REDUCE WASTE MISMANAGEMENT

- Provide more waste bins, particularly in coastal areas (read more [here](#) and [here](#))
- Provide more waste disposal centers (read more [here](#))
- Increase waste collection service (read more [here](#))
- Implement and enforce littering bans (read more [here](#))
- Improve landfills/close coastal dump sites (read more [here](#))
- Install filters on washing machines to capture microfibers (read more [here](#))
- Improve incineration and gasification techniques to minimize negative environmental impacts (read more [here](#))
- Increase R&D of and use of new technologies for converting plastics to fuel (read more [here](#))
- Use technology to prevent loss of fishing gear (read more [here](#) and [here](#))



### REMOVE IT FROM THE OCEAN AND COASTLINES

- Install litter catchment systems in harbors and on rivers (read more [here](#))
- Organize coastal cleanups [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#))
- Implement ghost fishing gear and other marine debris removal programs (read more [here](#) and [here](#))

