
















## EVERY STEP COUNTS

### Tips for the path to less Plastic waste:

-  Use your own shopping baskets or bags.
-  Buy vegetables and fruits without packaging or in reusable nets.
-  Buy in unpackaged stores or in your own Containers.
-  Do not buy lavishly packaged products like gift packaging or sweets.
-  Buy bread in reusable cloth bags.
-  Use your own bottle for coffee-to-go.
-  Check with the local water supply company whether the tap water is of drinking water quality. If so: drink tap water instead of plastic bottles.
-  Milk and yoghurt are also available in returnable bottles or glasses.
-  Use soap instead of liquid soap or shower gel or washing powder concentrate instead of liquid detergent.
-  Use cling boxes instead of cling film or aluminum foil to store leftover food.
-  Wrap organic waste in newspaper.
-  Do not use single-use cutlery.
-  Always separate different plastic parts for the yellow sack



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## LET'S END PLASTIC SOUP TOGETHER.

Corresponding educational campaigns at schools and learning locations are intended to educate schoolchildren about the correct handling of plastics. We want to avoid unnecessary plastic products and provide information about the sensible use of plastic. We also want to show how plastic products can best be disposed of at the end of their useful life and how plastics can be fed back into the economic cycle. In this way we want to prevent environmental damage, but also conserve finite resources. Because the careful use of our resources helps the environment as a whole.

But we also lend a hand: We help with clean-ups in cities and municipalities, clean rivers and canals, and work together with other partners on global projects to combat plastic pollution.

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**2050**

By 2050, virtually every marine bird species in the world will eat plastic.

**73%**

of the world's litter on beaches are made of plastic: cigarette filters, bottles, bottle caps, packaging, bags and styrofoam.



**700**

So far, there have been reports of over 700 marine animal species eating plastic or being in it got caught.



**1.000.000.000.000**

1.000 billion plastic parts are already floating in the oceans

### THE MISSION: ENDPLASTICSOUP

For Rotary International, the restoration of intact marine ecosystems is one of the central themes of Rotary action in the years to come.

Plastic accompanies us in all situations and is an indispensable part of many important products - it makes our everyday lives easier in many ways. If useful objects are disposed of incorrectly or too early, it is never good, and so it is with plastic. In the worst case, if it is not properly disposed of, it can cause considerable harm to people and the environment at the end of its useful life as microplastic.



**Now...**

we have to change something.

### What is microplastic?

Microplastics are small plastic particles with a diameter of less than 5 mm. They can be caused by the breakdown of plastic products. This happens, for example, in the sea under the influence of sun and salt water. Pollutants accumulate on the floating microplastic particles and can therefore accumulate, but marine animals and birds also mistake the microplastic for food and eat it. Microplastic particles are deliberately added in the manufacture of cosmetics, clothing made from synthetic materials and cigarette filters. Unfortunately, sewage treatment plants are not able to hold them back completely from the sewage and thus they end up in the sea or with the sewage sludge on the fields. The largest proportion of microplastics entering the environment is caused by tire wear. We also breathe this fine dust.

### What is EndPlasticSoup?

The „EndPlasticSoup“ initiative was founded in 2018 by Rotary clubs in Amsterdam and has since been supported not only by many clubs in Germany, but also worldwide. Together with our families, friends and acquaintances, we have the goal of banning plastic waste from our environment by 2050. And through targeted campaigns, awareness raising and alliances with other partners.

### If you want to support us...

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