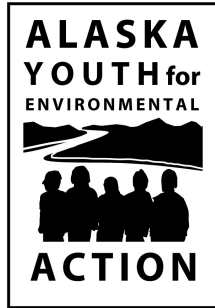


Plastic Statistics

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- **Plastics were not frequently used until the early 1980s---published by the “Seattle Post-intelligencer” Found on the website “CommonDreams.org”**
- **About 500 billion to a trillion plastics bags are used worldwide each year. (According to Vincent Cobb, founder of reuseablebags.com, commondreams.org)**
- **Americans use 84 billion plastic bags each year (according to Californians against waste, commondreams.org)**
- **Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour! (greenfeet.net/newsletter/quick-facts-on-plastic-pollution.shtml)**
- **About 1,200 plastic soft drink and salad dressing bottles could carpet the average living room, (grenfeet.net)**
- **Every year we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap the state of Texas. (greenfeet.org)**
- **Since 1950 we have consumed as much as all the generations before us combined. ([chemsoc.org/exemplarchem/entries/2004/bristol whiteheadfacts.htm](http://chemsoc.org/exemplarchem/entries/2004/bristol_whiteheadfacts.htm))**
- **It takes two plastic soft drink bottles to make a polyester fiber for a baseball cap (Chemsoc.org)**
- **Ford motor company indicates that 75% of every car is recyclable (Chemsoc.org)**

- The energy saved by recycling one bottle will power a computer for 25 minutes (chemsoc.org)
- It takes 40% more energy to make a paper bag than a plastic one... but plastics have their downsides, as we know. That is why we want to get people to use reusable tote bags instead. (www.ktuu.com/Global/story.asp?S=6391686)
- Americans consume 50 billion bottles of water yearly, 38 billion of that are set to landfills. (www.cnn.com/2007/TEACH/09/07/allabout.plastic/index.html)
- Daily 60 million plastic bottles are littered. (cnn.com)
- 40% of bottled water in the US begins as simply tap water. (according to Earth-Policy.org, cnn.com)
- 1 million birds and 100,000 marine mammals are estimated to die yearly because of eating or becoming trapped in plastic trash. (cnn.com)
- Links have been found between plastics and the chemical Bisphenol A (BPA) that is used in baby bottles, water bottles, plastic containers and more. BPA has been linked to female multiple female reproductive disorders. (cnn.com)
- 90% of plastic bottles end up in landfills, and they can take as much as 500 to 1,000 years to break down. (treehugger.com, cnn.com)
- When you burn plastics it's equivalent to burning fossil fuels. (cnn.com)
- Australia, Bangladesh, Ireland, Italy, South Africa and Taiwan as well as parts of India have taken steps to ban plastic bags. The most successful was Ireland's 15 cent "PlasTax" which has reduced plastic bag use by 90%. (cnn.com)