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PLASTIC FACTS



50% of the plastic we use is used only once and then thrown away.



Only 5% of the plastic we make is recovered to be used for something else.

The average American throws away ~185 pounds (84 kilograms) of plastic per year.



Plastic accounts for 10% of the total waste we generate.



Plastic makes up ~90% of all trash floating on the ocean's surface.



Every year, plastic in our oceans kills 1 million sea birds and 100,000 marine mammals.



Virtually every piece of plastic ever made still exists in some form.

It takes 500 to 1000 years for plastic to break down.

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