Earth Day 2018—“End Plastic Pollution”

As some of the signs at the People’s Climate March of 2014 read, “There is no PLANet B!”
We have but this one earth to sustain all living things, including us human beings.

April 22nd is Earth Day, a time to reflect annually on the beauty—and the fragility—of our natural world. There is a theme this year: “END PLASTIC POLLUTION”.

Recent reporting on the North Atlantic and Pacific Garbage Patches, gigantic gyres containing plastic waste swirling in our oceans, has increased awareness of one aspect of this problem, and raised concerns about degrading plastic bits getting into our food supply through seafood consumption—not to mention the threat to the sea life itself and the natural food web!

Prevention seems more easily attainable than removal at this stage, though many are working on that difficult task. The good news is that WE can help stem the tide of plastic pollution!

Here are a few links to more resources to use and share as we try to solve this problem together, each of us taking responsibility for our own actions that both help and hinder efforts to clean up our act. For newcomers, you can even start small—and be a part of the solution!!

Two very simple things that make a BIG difference:

- Use a reusable drinking bottle rather than those plastic disposables as often as you can.
- Bring a reusable shopping bag when you shop, and skip the plastic bags that can end a life.

Below are additional resources with more details for those who feel more ambitious.

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Countdown to April 22

From poisoning and insuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our water streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet.

In response, Earth Day 2018 is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics.

Choose an option below to take action to End Plastic Pollution on Earth Day and beyond!

Are you an individual?
Learn and act to End Plastic Pollution for yourself and your close communities.

Are you an organization?
Learn and act to End Plastic Pollution and organize for Earth Day and beyond.

Are you an educator?
Use our resources to teach and help others organize to End Plastic Pollution in your school or university.

https://www.earthday.org/

7 Ways To Reduce Ocean Plastic Pollution Today

By Brian Hutchinson

Pieces of plastic cover the beach in Cape Town, South Africa. Photo by Marine Photobank

http://www.oceanicsociety.org/blog/1720/7-ways-to-reduce-ocean-plastic-pollution-today

You get the *drift*... Please consider using less plastic!
If you use plastic, recycle it responsibly.
We need to keep our planet healthy—if *WE* want to be healthy.

Be part of the solution.

**HAPPY EARTH DAY!!!**