

CUT PLASTICS IN NEW CASTLE & BECOME A GUARDIAN OF NATURE!

*PLASTICS ARE NOT NATURAL & NOT HEALTHY



10 TIPS

REDUCE

- Carry your own reusable bags, to-go food containers, and utensils
- Buy items packaged with glass, paper, stainless steel, etc., not plastic
- Say “no” to plastic straws and stir sticks in beverages
- Use a refillable beverage bottles made of metal, ceramic, or glass
- Wear natural fibers, avoid synthetic clothing

REUSE & REPURPOSE

- Give plastic bags a second life before throwing them out
- Use plastic bag clasps as dish scrapers
- Be creative about reusing but avoid plastic that breaks down in food

RECYCLE

- Sign up for recycling
- Recycle smart
 - **YES - Plastic milk jug (with caps), Plastic #1-6 (if not labeled do not recycle), detergent bottles, clam shells #1-6 (No PLA)**
 - NO Plastic bags | NO Packing material (bubbles, plastic) | NO Styrofoam | NO Plastic plates, forks, spoons or knives | NO Six pack holders | NO loose caps or lids

*5 FACTS ABOUT PLASTICS

1. More than 50% of plastics are made for single use, going into landfills after that.
2. Plastics do not biodegrade quickly. It can take hundreds of years for plastic to break down.
3. Most plastics break down into micro-sized bits that are in our soil, water, and air.
4. Some clothes contain tiny plastic fibers, called **microfibers**, which enter our water ways from washing machines when people do their laundry.
5. Microplastics are now in animals and humans and cause health issues.



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