

Research Guide

The plastic pollution crisis is vast, complex, and intersects with various issues. But there's a lot of work being done and a lot more we can do to turn the tide. Below are additional materials you can check out if you'd like to learn more.

Plastics 101

[GAIA WTE ZW Plastics Factsheet](#)

[Plastic Atlas](#)

Plastic Pollution

- [Tearfund No time to waste report](#)
- [Our Ocean Needs Action Not Promises: Towards a Regulatory Approach to Prevent Plastic Pellet Loss in the EU](#)
- [How Throwaway Plastic is Failing To Solve Europe's Food Waste Problem](#)
- [The Environmental & Economic Cost of Single-Use Menstrual Products, Baby Nappies & Wet Wipes](#)
- [Ocean Pollutants Guide](#)

The Petrochemical Industry

- [Untested Assumptions and Unanswered Questions in the Plastics Boom](#)
- [Fossils, Plastics, and Petrochemical Feedstocks](#)
- [How Fracked Gas, Cheap Oil, and Unburnable Coal are Driving the Plastics Boom](#)
- [Plastic Industry Awareness of the Ocean Plastics Problem](#)
- [The Urgent Need to #StopFormosa](#)
- [Double Jeopardy in Houston](#)
- [The Health Behind Plastics Cracker Plants](#)
- [Fracking's Bridge to Climate Chaos: Exposing the Fossil Fuel Industry's Deadly Spin](#)
- [How Fracking Supports the Plastic Industry](#)
- [Triple Threat: Petrochemicals and Plastics, Power Plants, and Exports Drive a New Fracking Boom](#)
- [Banking on Climate Change](#)
- [Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking \(Unconventional Gas and Oil Extraction\)](#)

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The Fast-Moving Consumer Goods & Retail Industries

- [Branded Report 2019](#)
- [India Brand Audit Report](#)
- [How Retailers Rank on Toxic Chemicals](#)
- [The Smart Supermarket Report](#)

Zero Waste & Recycling

- [Plastics Exposed: How Waste Assessments and Brand Audits are Helping Philippine Cities Fight Plastic Pollution](#)
- [Trash in America](#)
- [Zero Waste Strategies Towards Carbon Neutrality](#)
- [FAQ on Recycling](#)
- [ZeroWasteWorld.org](#)
- [Moving Away from Single Use](#)
- [Circular Claims Fall Flat](#)
- [Zero waste at a community level in a neighborhood in Temuco, Chile](#)

Incineration/Waste-to-Energy

- [Pollution and Health Impacts of Waste-to-Energy Incineration](#)
- [Plastic and Incineration](#)
- [Plastic to Fuel state legislation fact sheet](#)
- [The health impacts of waste incineration: a systematic review](#)

The Waste Trade

- [DISCARDED: Communities on the Frontlines of the Global Plastic Crisis](#)
- [Prevent Developing Countries From Becoming Dumping Grounds For The World's Plastic Waste](#)

Policy

- [Stemming the Plastic Flood](#)
- [Moving away from Single-Use](#)
- [NGOs Position for an Impactful Restriction of Microplastics](#)
- [San Francisco's Reusable Foodware Ordinance](#)
- [French Circular Economy Bill](#)

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Real Solutions

- [Just One Word: Refillables](#)
- [Better Alternatives Now B.A.N. List](#)
- [Reusable Solutions](#)
- [Indisposable Podcast](#)
- [Extended Producer Responsibility](#)
- [CupClub Reusable Report](#)

False Solutions

- [Throwing Away the Future](#)
- [Questions and Answers: Chemical Recycling](#)
- [Microplastics in road dust – characteristics, pathways and measures](#)

Debunking Industry Myths

- [How Big Oil and Big Soda kept a global environmental calamity a secret for decades](#)
- [The Great Recycling Con](#)
- [For a true circular economy, we must redefine waste](#)
- [Nestlé commits to virgin plastic reduction yet doubles down on recycling myth](#)
- [The Truth Behind the Plastic Curtain: Most Plastic Is Not Recyclable](#)

Other Connected Issues

- [Plastics and Climate Report](#)
- [Plastic & Health: The Hidden Costs of a Plastic Planet](#)
- [Single-Use Foodware](#)