

The State of Plastics as of 2018

The action by Seattle, WA on banning plastic straws is miniscule in comparison to the global plastic waste. Here are a few statistics sourced from National Geographic.

- Virtually ½ the plastics ever manufactured has been made in the last 15 years.
- 448 million tons of plastic is produced in a year.
- Coca Cola is the largest producer of plastic bottles – 128 billion a year; Pepsi and Nestles is not far behind.
- China is the largest producer of plastics, accounting for 25% of the global supply; most of which they export.
- The seas surrounding Asian countries have been decimated by plastic trash.
- Only 18% of plastics are recycled globally.

Waste Management of recycled plastic around the world is woefully unprepared to handle the volume.

Oil still reigns supreme.

Global Warming is nothing compared to this environmental danger to all living species.

Possible Solutions ??

Eliminate six-pack straps or replace with cellulose egg carton type carriers.

Biodegradable plastic bags and bottles.

Replace plastic straws with aluminum straws.

Waste Management to prevent polluting rivers and oceans; bury or incinerate the stuff.