

EARTH DAY is an annual global event that more than **1 billion people** in **192 countries** take part in to actively support sustainability and world wide initiatives to reduce our footprint on the earth.

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## Earth Day 2018: A World without Plastic Pollution

Earth Day 2018 is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics. From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet. The information below is full of tips on how you can **REDUCE, REFUSE, REUSE & RECYCLE** to minimize your consumption of plastic!

### **REDUCE**

The most important step we can take to limit the amount of plastic pollution that makes its way into our landfills, outdoor spaces and oceans is to reduce the amount of plastic we consume in the first place.

Through reducing your plastic consumption, you will directly and actively reduce the amount of plastic that makes it into the environment

When considering anything you may purchase, ask yourself these two questions:

- **DO I NEED IT?**
- **CAN I USE SOMETHING ELSE?**

### **REFUSE**

Whenever possible, refuse plastic. With a little preparation and planning, you can easily, refuse plastics.

- **STRAWS**  
Order your beverage at a restaurant without a straw
- **PLASTIC BAGS**  
Use reusable canvas bags for your shopping
- **PACKAGING**  
Where possible, select products without plastic packaging
- **FABRICS**  
Avoid purchasing fabrics with plastic microfibers such as nylon and polyester

### **REUSE**

Many common plastic products have viable alternatives. Always ask yourself if you can get the same product without consuming plastic.

- **REUSABLE BAGS**  
Canvas shopping bags can replace plastic bags
- **REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE**  
Get a reusable water bottle instead of buying plastic ones
- **DONATE**  
Clothes, toys, furniture & electronics
- **DISHES**  
Use dishes, glasses, and metal silverware instead of plastic ones
- **DIAPERS**  
Try reusable cloth diapers
- **TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS**  
Reuse take-out containers at home

### **RECYCLE**

The Town of Drayton Valley is very serious about recycling. We are working hard to reduce the amount of waste going to our landfill. Through innovative recycling programs, Drayton Valley aims to be a leader in protecting the natural beauty of our community. A successful recycling program is a team effort. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the recycling opportunities in Drayton Valley. Visit [www.draytonvalley.ca/recycling-2](http://www.draytonvalley.ca/recycling-2) to learn more!

- **PLASTICS RECYCLING**
- **BLUE BAG RECYCLING**
- **RECYCLING DEPOT**
- **TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT CENTRE**
- **MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY**
- **CELL PHONE RECYCLING**
- **RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE DROP-OFF**