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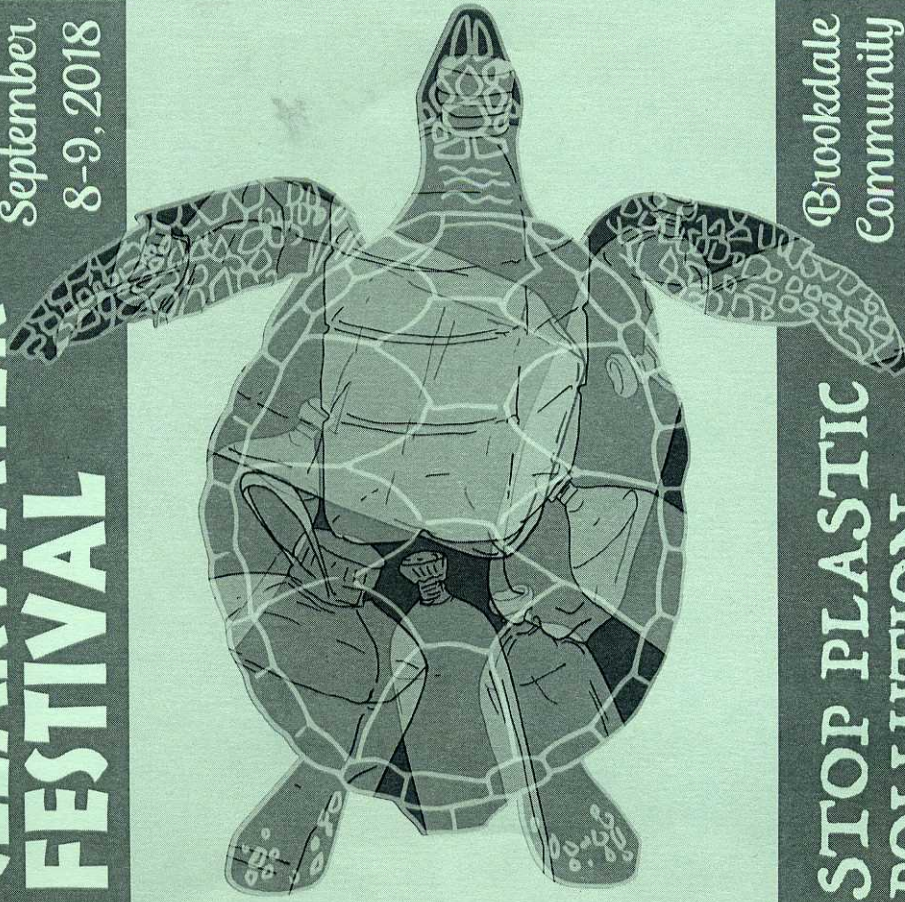


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## **STOP PLASTIC POLLUTION**

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

### *This year's theme is: STOP PLASTIC POLLUTION, NOW!*

Just take a look around your house, your office, the stores and offices you visit, cars, and everywhere to see how plastic has replaced natural or even metallic products. When a plastic reaches its useful life, especially the disposable objects, if it's not recycled it can become a problem on land & in waterways and oceans. Plastic pollution everywhere endangers land, sky, and sea creatures that can consume or get entangled in it.

#### **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT PLASTIC DEBRIS IN THE OCEAN? The 3 Rs**

- **REDUCE** the amount of trash you produce especially plastic products like cups, straws, containers
- Choose items you can **REUSE** over disposable products
- **RECYCLE** items, instead of disposing of them, to create new products.

When we, as NJFC take one aspect of the whole plastic pollution spectrum, the dangers of plastics in our waterways people ask us:

**1. Where Does Plastic Debris Originate?** Plastic debris can enter the ocean in a variety of way: From land, trash may be carried to the ocean in rivers or storm and sewage drains, swept from the beach by waves and surf, or blown offshore by winds, especially during heavy storms. Trash may also come from ships or offshore platforms.

**2. What Does Plastic Debris Look Like?** The most recognizable fragments are from plastic six pack holders, bottles, fishing lines and nets and industrial resin pellets, the "raw material" of consumer plastic products. Most samples collected are small fragments less than 1 cm in size. The most disturbing and visible example of this are called plastic vortexes—sometimes incorrectly called garbage patches—which exist in all the oceans.

#### **3. What Kind Of Plastic Is It?**

- **Plastics that float:** Common household items such as milk jugs, plastic bags, and drinking strawsare made of high density & low density polyethylene, and PP polypropylene which are lighter than the water they displace.
- **Plastics that sinks:** Other commonly used plastic types such as PET, polyethylene terephthalate, PVC, polyvinyl chloride, and PS, polystyrene are denser than seawater, they likely sink before reaching the open ocean. The properties of plastics appear to change over time at sea, possibly due to sun/sea exposure, & biological growth.

NJ Friends of Clearwater networks with many organizations and colleagues on this issue. One, the NOAA Marine Debris Program has supported more than 140 projects across the U.S., while many other organizations are working to raise awareness, clean up marine debris on beaches and in the ocean, and reduce the input of debris into the oceans through "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" campaigns.

Public education and action is the best way to prevent debris from entering the ocean now and in the future.

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