

Stormwater Tip: November 2022

Alarming facts regarding plastics in our oceans:

- Every minute, two garbage trucks of plastic are dumped into our oceans. Currently, 8 million metric tons of plastic winds up in the oceans. That's enough trash to cover every foot of coastline around the world with five full trash bags of plastic...compounding every year.
- The amount of plastic trash that flows into the oceans every year is expected to nearly triple by 2040 to 29 million metric tons.
- Microplastics in different forms are present in almost all water systems in the world, be they streams, rivers, lakes, or oceans. There is more microplastic in the ocean than there are stars in the Milky Way.
- By 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than there are fish (by weight).
- As of 2021, there was at least 363,762,732,605 pounds of plastic pollution in the world's oceans.