

**Stormwater Tip:**

OCEAN PLASTICS POLLUTION

*A Global Tragedy for Our Oceans and Sea Life*

Plastic accumulating in our oceans and on our beaches has become a global crisis. Billions of pounds of plastic can be found in swirling convergences that make up about 40 percent of the world's ocean surfaces. At current rates plastic is expected to outweigh all the fish in the sea by 2050.

Plastics pollution has a direct and deadly effect on wildlife. Thousands of seabirds and sea turtles, seals and other marine mammals are killed each year after ingesting plastic or getting entangled in it. There are nearly 700 species that eat and get caught in plastic litter.