

How Does All That Plastic Get into the Ocean?



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- 1 *A poor waste management/recycling system (or none at all) is the leading cause.*
- 2 *Plastic garbage from cities and industrial centers flows directly into rivers and seas with untreated wastewater.*
- 3 *Microplastic used as additives in cosmetic products is not filtered out by water treatment plants.*
- 4 *Fishing nets and lines lost or intentionally abandoned at sea.*
- 5 *Lost loads and ship materials.*
- 6 *Garbage illegally dumped at sea.*
- 7 *Catastrophic waste: wreckage and garbage swept out to sea by hurricanes, floods, and tsunamis.*