plastic waste in the nature

Danger of plastic waste for animals and the nature

We all know the pictures of sea turtles tangled in fishing nets. We have seen pictures of dead seabirds with stomachs full of plastic. But animals are also threatened on land.

Lots of plastic waste is left behind in summer after barbecues and picnics in meadows and parks. It is a great danger for our animals and nature.

THE PROBLEM IS TOO MUCH PLASTIC !

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PLASTIC – THE DARK SIDE OF THE MATERIAL

Problem of plastic waste

Plastic pollution has become one of the most pressing environmental issues. Many of plastic products such as plastic bottles, have a lifespan of a few minutes to hours , but can remain in the environment for hundreds of years.

PLASTIC IS FOREVER

1 million plastic bottles purchased every minute

1000 years for a plastic bag to decompose

7000 microplastics breathed by each person every day

PLASTIC WASTE

Personally you can do a lot to avoid plastic waste:

- buy groceries in an unpackaged shop
- buy fruit and vegetables from regional suppliers
- use a water bubbler to produce mineral water

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Personal action

Around 33 kilograms of plastic waste are generated per inhabitant and year in the EU.

There is still a lot to be done to stop the plastic madness.

Problem solving

since July 2021

- warning and disposal notice for single-use plastic products
- ban on disposable plastic products such as straws plastic cutlery

since January 2022

- ban on plastic bags

since 2023

- more reusable in the to-go area

One of the EU goals is for all plastic packaging to be reusable or recyclable by 2030 at the latest.

fruit and vegetable box from regional suppliers

Packaging of the future

In the future we need to think more sustainably, such as replacing plastic with edible packaging. They can be recycled in the kitchen and decompose naturally .