

The image is a composite. The upper portion shows a view of the Earth from space, with the blue oceans, white clouds, and green and brown landmasses clearly visible. The lower portion shows a vast, desolate landscape covered in a thick layer of plastic waste, including numerous discarded plastic bottles, fragments, and other debris. The text "What's the Problem with Plastic?" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**What's the Problem with Plastic?**

# THINGS MADE FROM OIL

This list represents a fraction of the common, everyday products made from petroleum.



Plastic can be very useful. We use it to make lots of things that we use. Even our clothing!

People are using plastic wastefully and it is becoming a big problem.

Graphic: Rachel McCreight, Calgary Herald. Source: iogg.com



## Plastic Problem 1.

Plastic can take hundreds of years to break down.



## Plastic Problem 2.

Plastic ends up in our oceans.

A truckload every single minute.

[Watch this video by Greenpeace](#)



## Plastic Problem 3.

Plastic can harm wildlife.

[Information about how plastic can harm wildlife.](#)



## Plastic Problem 4.

Plastic is made from oil. Making plastic pollutes the earth and air.

[More about plastic pollution](#)





## Plastic Problem 5.

Plastic can be toxic.

It breaks down into tiny pieces and can get into our food and water which is not good for our health.

[Read here WHO information about how 90% of bottled water contains microplastics.](#)

