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Focus of the Week

Single-use Plastic Ban

- **The EU just voted to completely ban single use plastics.**

“Europe has to come to terms with the fact that we cannot just put it on someone else’s shoulders,” EU Commission First Vice President Frans Timmermans told *Reuters*. “If we don’t move now, if we don’t move swiftly...you will have more plastic in the oceans than fish.”

Source: <https://futurism.com/the-byte/single-use-plastics-ban-eu>

- **Georgia bans plastic bags, marking the end of an era. In the Soviet Union, plastic bags were hallmarks of modernity.**

“Georgia is letting go something it has held dear for decades – the plastic bag – becoming the first former Soviet state to adopt a ban.

It’s not just that the Caucasus nation is catching up with global efforts to reduce plastic pollution. The move marks the end of an era. “

Source: <https://eurasianet.org/georgia-bans-plastic-bags-marking-the-end-of-an-era>

- **10 Cities and countries confronting plastic bag pollution head-on.**

“Two million single-use plastic bags per minute are distributed at store checkout counters across the globe. Devastating environmental impacts result from their production, consumption, and disposal. In an effort to reduce devastating and costly environmental impacts, many cities and countries worldwide are passing bans and taxing plastic bags. These policies have been successful, reducing plastic bag consumption by as much as 85%.

The 10 cities and countries described here are just a handful of hundreds that are leading the way to end plastic pollution by implementing bans on single-use plastic bags.”

Source: <https://www.earthday.org/2018/04/20/10-cities-and-countries-confronting-plastic-bag-pollution-head-on/>



Interesting topics

- The Trump Administration’s “Dishonest” Attack on Fuel-Economy Standards, read [here](#).
- “Ghost netting”: Image emerges of decomposed turtle wrapped in plastic net thought to have killed it. Find our [more](#).
- Alaska Natives Call on Banks to Protect the Arctic National Wildfire Refuge from Drilling. Find out more via the [link](#).
- *****So what’s the climate change/asthma connection?***** Follow the [link](#) to find out more.
- ***** We are altering the climate so severely that we’ll soon face apocalyptic repercussions. Sucking carbon dioxide out the air could save us.***** Check full version of the article [here](#).
- *****Rising seas will swamp homes, [report](#) says.*****
- How data transparency is helping us build future cities. Check [here](#).
- A secret millionaire with an MBA and a \$1 million home in Brooklyn spends her days collecting cans for \$20 at a time. Read full story [here](#).
- NASA’s photos of a perfectly rectangular iceberg in Antarctica are oddly satisfying. Read [here](#).
- *****Cigarette butts are the single biggest source of ocean trash, according to a new [report](#).*****



Quote of the Week:

"People are beginning to realize that we need to live in accordance with the law of ecology, the law of finite resources, and if we don't, we're going to go extinct."

Paul Watson



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