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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the issue #73 of our What Can You Do Weekly Newsletter!

Enjoy reading the latest update on SDGs and more!

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# Focus of the Week

## *More and More Cities Ban Plastic*

- San Francisco Becomes First City to Ban the Sale of Plastic Bottles

“Nowadays, the plastic pollution is one of the biggest environmental burdens. Statistics say that annually, we throw away enough plastic to circle the globe 4 times. Also, it has been shown that 50% of the plastic is thrown after the first use.

Newest studies suggest that the consumption of water and food in plastic bottles and packages is extremely detrimental to health, as plastic contains various harmful chemicals that leech in the water or food, and are thus entered in the human body.”

*Source:* <https://www.thescinewsreporter.com/2019/03/san-francisco-becomes-first-city-to-ban.html>



# Interesting topics

- **\*\*\*It's a fact: wind farms and birds can coexist peacefully. \*\*\*** Find out [more](#).
- Cyclone Idai: what's the role of climate change? Read [here](#).
- Judge blocks oil and gas drilling on 300 000 acres in Wyoming until Government considers climate impacts. Find out more via the [link](#).
- Rogue waves occurring less but "becoming more extreme". Learn more [here](#).
- Trouble in Paradise: how does climate change affect Pacific Island Nations? Learn via the [link](#).
- Six fashion materials that could save the planet. Find out more [here](#).
- Finland is offering people a free summer vacation so they can learn how to be happy from the locals. Read [here](#).
- Here's a running list of all the ways climate change has altered Earth. Follow the [link](#) to find out more.
- Hydroelectrical dam threatens to wipe out world's rarest ape. Read [here](#).
- School climate strikes: 1.4 million people took part, say campaigners. Learn more via the [link](#).
- **\*\*\*11 cities with the worst tap water in the US. \*\*\*** Check the [link](#) to read full story.
- **\*\*\*Climate change: water shortages in England "within 25 years" \*\*\***. Read [here](#).
- Oceans do us a "huge service" by absorbing nearly a third of global CO2 Emissions, but at what cost? Read via the [link](#).
- The giant garbage vortex in the Pacific Ocean is over twice the size of Texas – here's what it looks like. Read [here](#).
- How transforming water changes lives. Find out [more](#).
- Whale dies after swallowing 88 pounds of plastic bags. Read [here](#).
- See where access to clean water is getting better – and worse. Check [here](#).
- First-of-its-Kind study finds racial gap between who causes air pollution and who breathes it. Read the article [here](#).
- Deadly air in our cities: the invisible killer. Find out more [here](#).
- 5 reasons to protect mangrove forests for the future. Read [here](#).
- Have we hit "peak beef"? Learn more via the [link](#).

# Quote of the Week:

“You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.”

**Mahatma Gandhi**



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