# The Effects of TRASH on our WATERWAYS

Trash on the ground, pavement or roads gets washed into storm drains when it rains

Trash from overfilled trash cans that aren't closed properly can also get blown into storm drains

**70%** of storm drains flow directly to our waterways, creeks and Bay

1 HR **2.5 million plastic bottles** are thrown away in the U.S.

Plastic, paper, garbage, pet waste goes straight down the drain to our waterways!

1 YR Americans consume **74,000 - 121,000 microplastic particles**

**80%** of trash in landfill is recyclable

Plastic water bottles take **450 years** to break down

**80%** of marine pollution is plastic waste

Over **1,200 pounds of organic junk** in landfill could have been composted

Amount of trash thrown in the ocean each year is equal to nearly... **100,000 blue whales**

1 YR More than **100,000 marine animal deaths** are caused by plastic through ingestion and entanglement

**1,800,000 acres of natural habitat** have been destroyed to make landfills in the US

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