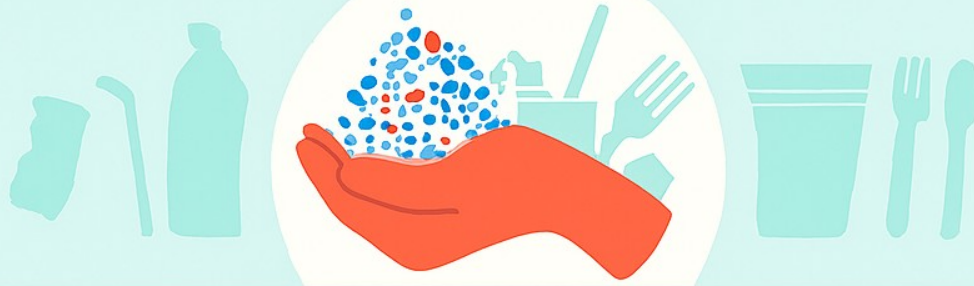




# The Impacts of Microplastics



Microplastics are small plastic materials (<5mm) that build up in ecosystems that affect humans, wildlife, and the environment.



## Health Effects

Harmful chemicals released from microplastics in the body can enter human organs.



## Wildlife Effects

Microplastics that are consumed by fish and wildlife get stuck in their stomachs.



## Environmental Effects

The presence of microplastics can negatively impact marine ecosystems, including harming aquatic species.



## Additional Effects

Microplastic fragments can accumulate during their breakdown and be transported locally or globally by wind or water.