



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.