The most preventable source of ocean plastics is **PACKAGING**.

Each year, 8 MILLION TONS of plastic enter the ocean — enough to put five grocery bags of plastic trash on every foot of coastline around the world.

**90%** of all the trash now floating on the ocean surface is **PLASTIC**.

Most ocean plastic is under 5 mm — roughly the size of a pencil eraser.

**Why microplastics are a big problem.**

Plastics break down in the ocean as a result of:
- UV radiation from sunlight
- Friction within the ocean
- Ingestion by sea life

To sea life, microplastics resemble **phytoplankton** — in some places outnumbering plankton 26 to 1.

**Scientists have linked BPA to:**
- Certain types of cancers
- Impaired immune function
- Obesity
- And many other health issues

**93%** of Americans today age six and over test positive for BPA.

**TOP 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO**

1. **Recycle or donate unwanted plastic**
   - This includes items like children’s toys or cups.

2. **Avoid microbeads**
   - Microbeads can be found in face and body washes.

3. **Reduce use of disposable plastics**
   - Including straws, water bottles, and grocery bags.

4. **Participate in cleanup projects**
   - Chances are, there’s one at a beach or river near you.

5. **Spread the word**
   - Let friends and family know how they can help.

This year, Dell is helping by making 300,000+ XPS notebook trays from 25% ocean plastic and 75% recycled-content plastic.

Dell wants to keep plastics in the economy and out of the world’s oceans. See more ways we’re helping at Dell.com/oceanplastics

Troubled waters: The dangers of ocean plastics