Global plastics production doubles every tenth year.

One third of all the plastic produced globally is meant for packaging. A major part of this share is for single-use. Once introduced into the sea, oceanic currents transport garbage into the oceanic gyres.

Do like this:
Ask for your local shopkeeper to change plastic fruitbags to biodegradable ones. Use shopping bags made from fabric. Do not take along disposable coffee cup’s plastic cover. Recycle all plastic you buy and use.

Oceanic garbage patches are larger in size than the area of Finland.

Global plastics production

European plastics consumption 2015

Source: Plastics Europe PEMRG (2011)

Packaging industry 39,9 %
Construction industry 19,7 %
Electronics 5,8 %
Agriculture 4,2 %
Car industry 8,9 %
Other (e.g. domestic appliances & furniture) 21,5 %