

Creation Care – The More You Know

86% of Great Lakes litter is plastic!! Using data from more than 14,000 beach cleanups over 20 years, a new report from the nonprofit Alliance for the Great Lakes found that 86% of litter entering the Great Lakes in a given year is either partially or fully composed of plastic. Previous estimates and computer simulations indicated that 22 million pounds of plastic debris entered the lakes annually, at that time making up 80% of shoreline litter.

Large plastic products left behind on beaches, including single-use bags, straws, wrappers, takeout containers and utensils, eventually break down into smaller plastic particles. The tiniest of these — less than 5 millimeters long or the size of a pencil eraser — are known as microplastics and have been found in drinking water and human blood, organs and breast milk.

The full article can be found at <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2024/04/28/great-lakes-plastics/>.
PLEASE recycle or throw out your trash in designated receptacles.