

Regional Science Consortium

Microplastics – Skype with a Scientist

Students should develop a list of questions before their scheduled Skype with a Scientist session to help utilize their time as efficiently as possible. We have included some common discussion points related to this topic below.

Discussion Points

- Where do plastics in the ocean come from?
- How much plastic is in the ocean?
- How can we prevent plastic pollution in the ocean?
- Where do microplastics come from?
- What are microbeads?
- How much do individual items contribute to ocean plastic pollution?
- How much oil do we use to make plastic?
- How much of global plastic waste is recycled?
- Can my recycling end up in a landfill?
- How long does it take plastic to break down?
- Are plastic alternatives better for the environment?
- Is it really helpful to separate recycling at home?