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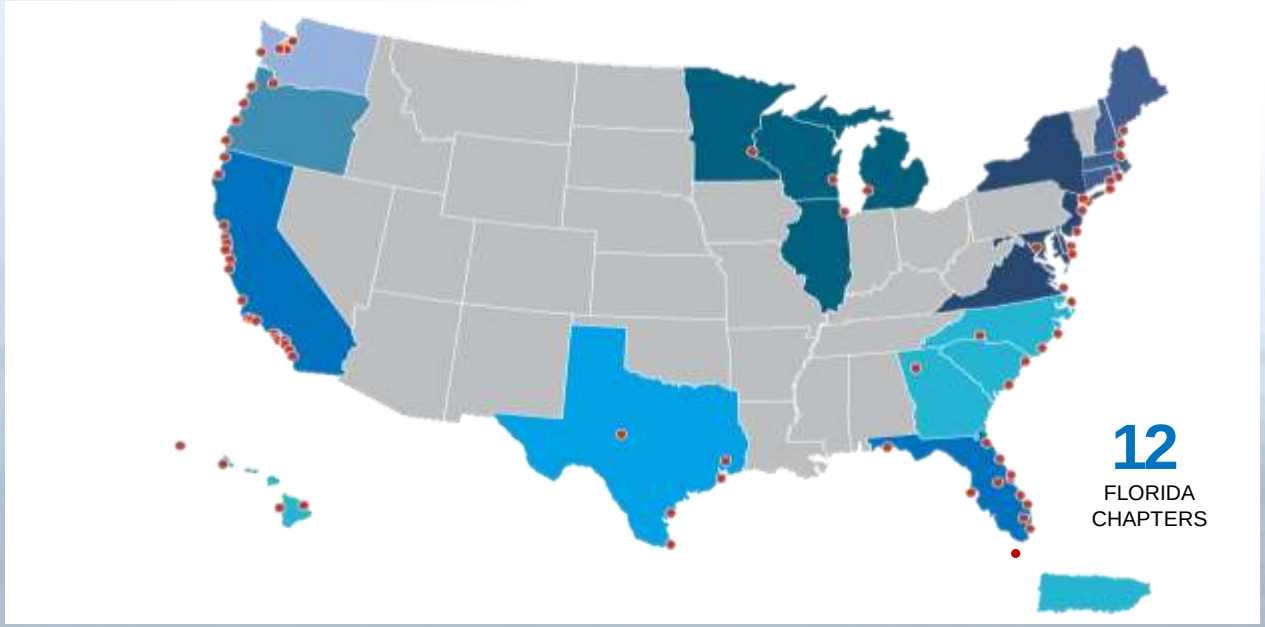
The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated the protection and enjoyment of our ocean, waves and beaches. With more than 80 volunteer-led chapters and 90 student clubs across the country, we work to help ensure clean water and healthy beaches for this and future generations.

SURFRIDER – NORTH AMERICA NETWORK

10
REGIONS

81
CHAPTERS

84
YOUTH CLUBS



12
FLORIDA CHAPTERS

10,000+ ACTIVISTS

50,000+ MEMBERS

1,000,000+ SUPPORTERS

1984
ESTABLISHED

WHY DO WE NEED OCEAN FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS ?

Ocean friendly restaurants

CURBING PLASTIC POLLUTION

Plastic pollution is suffocating our ocean and the many animals that call it home.

Researchers estimate there are now over 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic in the ocean with the number continuing to grow every day.

This pollution is impacting our marine ecosystems and wildlife, such as seabirds, dolphins, fish and turtles.

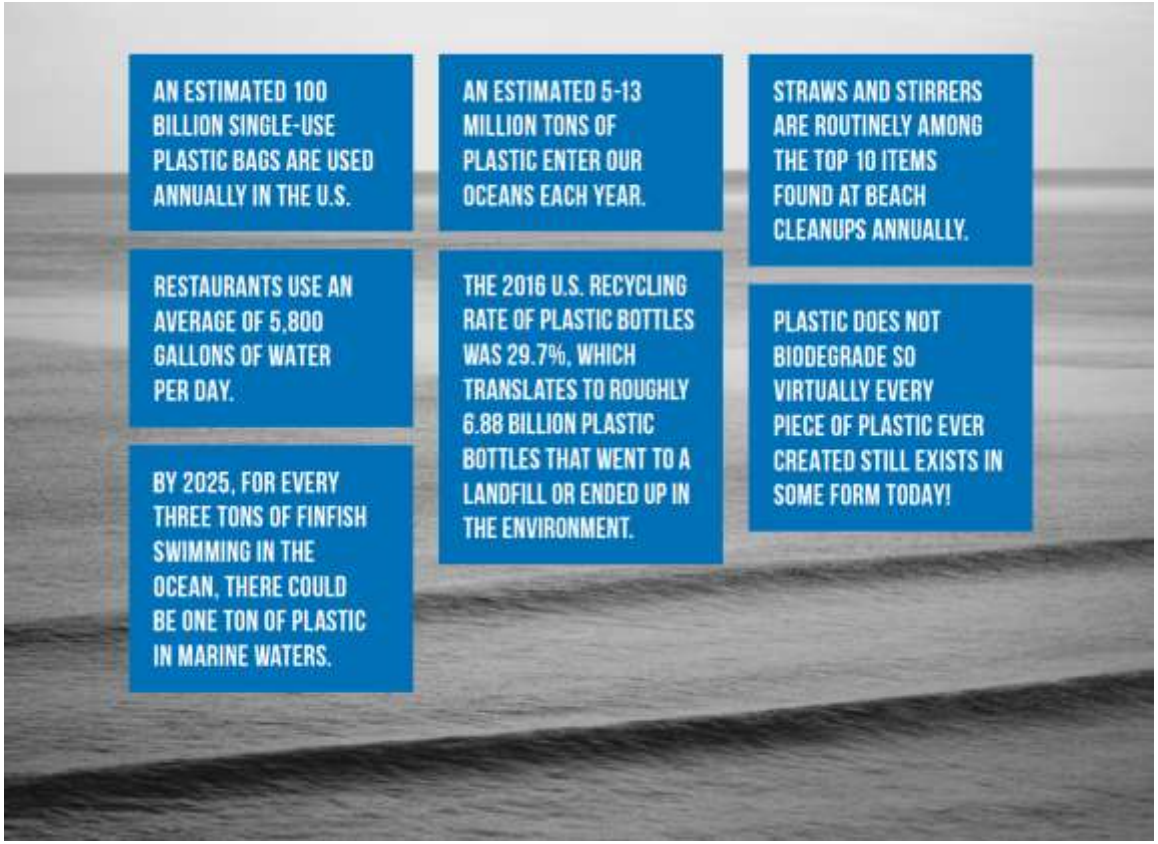
Plastic fragments are even displacing plankton at the base of the food chain. So what's the best way to combat this global epidemic facing our ocean? It's simple: we need to stop the problem at its source!

In response to increased plastic pollution in coastal zones and the ocean, the Surfrider Foundation created the Ocean Friendly Restaurants program.

The goals of the program are to help reduce plastic waste, eliminate the use of expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam products, and to encourage restaurants to use more sustainable and environmentally friendly practices to help protect the coasts through conservation efforts



Ocean friendly restaurants



What is an “ocean friendly restaurant”?

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PROGRAM CRITERIA

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Restaurants participating MUST follow the first five criteria:



1. No expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam is used.



2. Proper recycling practices are followed.



3. Only reusable tableware is used for on-site dining, and disposable utensils for takeout food are provided only upon request.



4. No plastic bags are offered for takeout or to-go orders.



5. Straws are provided only upon request.*

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And choose a minimum of two of these criteria as well:

- No beverages sold in plastic bottles.
- Discount is offered for customers with a reusable cup, mug, bag, etc.
- Vegetarian/vegan food options are offered on a regular basis.
- All seafood must be a 'Best Choice' or 'Good Alternative' as defined by Seafood Watch or certified as sustainable.
- Water conservation efforts, such as low-flow faucets and toilets, are implemented.
- Energy efficiency efforts such as LED lighting and Energy Star appliances are in place.

Restaurants that meet all of the criteria are recognized as Platinum Level Ocean Friendly Restaurants!

School cafeterias and other facilities are eligible to be registered if they meet the same criteria as restaurants.

Is there a fee for enrolling in the OFR program?

The funding to maintain our Ocean Friendly Restaurants program comes from the annual membership fee for time spent conducting workshops, audits and providing technical assistance. The revenue from the fees allows the OFR program to grow and thrive with appropriate promotion and ensures that time and resources are spent on businesses that are working to support ocean friendly practices.

The annual membership fee is based on a sliding scale ranging from $125 to $175 for local businesses based on the number of employees. With the Surfrider Foundation's OFR program, we offer registration from a trusted and credible nonprofit brand at a great price. **Plus, the membership fee is 100% tax-deductible!** Chapters collect 50% of the local restaurant membership fees to help further your OFR program and other chapter efforts.

Corporate Chain Sponsorship

Businesses with 5 or more restaurants and those with more than 60 employees must be referred through the Surfrider Foundation's Corporate Development Team. If chapters have any leads for chain restaurants, please refer them to the OFR team at headquarters OFR@surfrider.org.



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