

Green Century° successfully works with companies to reduce the use of plastics.

Preventing Plastic Pollution

An Ocean Full of Plastic

Plastic ocean pollution injures and kills marine life, spreads toxins, and poses a potential threat to human health.

- Every day, the equivalent of 2,000 garbage trucks full of plastic leak into the world's oceans, rivers and lakes.
- With so much plastic pollution floating in the ocean, it's too easy for wildlife to mistake it for food - and, too often, they pay the price with their lives.

Green Century's Solution

Reducing single-use plastic: Using "recyclable" materials and recycling is an incomplete solution to the plastic problem. Only nine percent (9%) of plastic is recycled - and more plastic is burned than recycled. Companies need to:

- Reduce the use of single-use plastics
- Avoid using plastic that can't be recycled
- Expand refillable bottles and plastic free packaging

Key Successes

Green Century has secured 20 commitments or majority shareholder votes to reduce plastic in the last three years.

Disney - Green Century won an agreement with **Disney*** to disclose its plastic use and reduce its use of single use plastic in its cruise ships, theme parks, resorts and other areas.

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All too often, wildlife mistake plastics as food, imperiling fish, turtles and other wild creatures. Disney agreed to cut plastics on cruise ships, theme parks and resorts. See other victories on the back page.*



Hilton, Marriott, and Choice Hotels* Following discussions with Green Century, these major hotel brands have committed to reducing single-use plastics. Hilton will assess its plastic sources in FY 2024 and set a reduction goal by FY 2025. Marriott will measure its plastic footprint in FY 2025 and set a reduction goal by the end of 2025. Choice Hotels will measure its footprint and set a reduction goal in FY 2024.



Costco - Green Century successfully negotiated with **Costco*** after the company agreed to disclose its plastic packaging footprint for its “Kirkland” brand products and to create a 5-year plastic reduction plan.

Hasbro - Toymaker giant **Hasbro***, makers of G.I. Joe, Transformers and other action figures was persuaded by Green Century to disclose all its packaging use in 2024, which is a critical first step in addressing plastic pollution.



Mattel - Green Century worked with **Mattel*** to create a goal of reducing its plastic packaging by 25% by 2023. Mattel makes several household named toys including Barbie and Hot Wheels.

Amazon - Green Century’s **Amazon*** shareholder resolution in 2022 helped push the company to announce it had reduced its amount of single use plastic packaging in 2023 by nearly 86,000 metric tons, the equivalent weight of over 20,000 African Elephants.

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