The types of plastic that pollute bodies of water

The United States policy specifies the most harmful plastics

MICROPLASTICS
They are responsible for 90% of plastic pollution in open waters.

PLASTIC BAGS
More than 380 billion plastic bags are used every year.

BOTTLES
Only 50% of 480 billion produced in the world are recycled.

POLYSTYRENE TRAYS
These are used for presenting food. They take about 500 years to degrade.

DRINKING STRAWS
Americans use 500 million drinking straws every day.

CIGARETTE FILTERS
They are made from cellulose acetate, a highly polluting plastic material.

BALLOONS
They are extremely dangerous to sea birds and a variety of marine species.