

Positives of Plastic

Plastic in Action

Consumer Goods

Plastic keeps products affordable for both manufacturers and consumers without compromising on safety or quality, and offers the lowest carbon footprint compared to other materials. From sports equipment and kitchen tools to apparel and footwear, plastic makes it possible to create versatile, durable, and hygienic solutions for everyday consumer goods.



Plastic is the preferred choice to ensure children's toys remain affordable and safe, by eliminating risks like splinters, sharp edges, or shards.



Plastic silicone kitchen tools are heat-resistant, nonreactive, and ideal for cooking because of their thermal stability and safety for food-contact throughout all types of cooking.



Synthetic plastic fibers like nylon, polyester, and spandex power the performance of our favorite gear—from moisture-wicking, antimicrobial sportswear to durable camping equipment,



Plastic can be recycled over and over again, making it the sustainable choice for consumer goods. Worn out plastic turf can be recycled and made new again for playing fields, and plastic bottles can be made into new items like detergent containers and bike helmets.

Plastic provides the lowest carbon footprint.

More than one million Americans work in jobs directly or indirectly connected to the plastics industry, spanning a wide range of sectors. From the engineers who design the machinery that manufactures essential plastic products, to the material suppliers distributing raw plastics, to the processors shaping materials into goods, and the recyclers giving used plastic a second life, the plastics supply chain is a vital aspect within both the U.S. and global economy.