



Plastics: The Sustainable Choice

Industries across the economy choose plastics as a sustainable choice because they are **lightweight, durable, versatile and the most resource-efficient option available**. Though critics tend to be more in favor of alternatives like glass, metal, and wood, studies prove that **plastics should be a go-to** for consumers and companies alike seeking to conserve energy, water, and carbon.

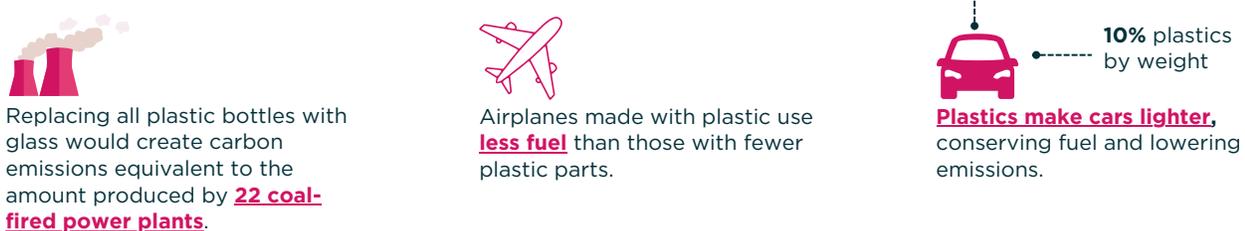
Plastics conserve energy at all points in the product life cycle.



Plastics conserve water in a variety of consumer-based and industrial applications.



Plastics conserve carbon across the economy.



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.