

Clean Seas

The Arctic has not escaped the ever-increasing issue of marine plastic pollution. The Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO) and its members are working to combat single-use waste through:

Reduction: Rethinking facilities and reducing single-use items to minimize our impact on the planet.

Cleanups: Enhancing cleanup participation and report information to improve knowledge on marine litter.

Education: Informing passengers and crew on how to prevent marine plastic pollution.



Take part in cleanup activities

- Pick up any plastic or other marine debris you find during landings while making sure you do not stray away from your group.
- If you spot items that are out of reach, point them out to your expedition team.
- Your ship will manage the waste and ensure that it is disposed of properly.



Choose reusable products

In the Arctic, there is limited waste management facilities and depending on your location, waste may be landfilled locally or compacted and shipped elsewhere for treatment. To effectively reduce waste, avoid using alternative options, such as 'degradable' or 'biodegradable', and choose reusable items instead.

Leave no trace

- Do not litter.
- Secure all your belongings so you do not lose any items overboard or on land.
- Keep these out of nature:



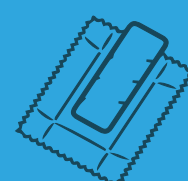
Cigarette butts and snuff

because they contain plastic and are toxic



Paper cups

because they are lined with plastic to remain waterproof



Chewing gum

because most gum is synthetic



Tea bags

because most are sealed with plastic glue



Eye contact lenses

because they are made of plastic



Wet wipes

because they contain plastic fibers