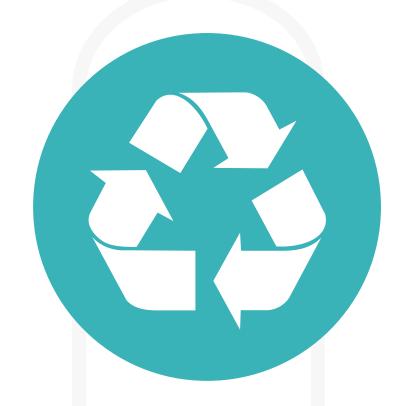
# **Plastic Pollution in Canada** We cannot recycle our way out of the plastic pollution crisis!

We recycle less than 9% of plastics in Canada!

Out of the 4,667 kilotonnes (kt) of plastics in the Canadian marketplace in 2016, 3,268 kt were discarded as waste!

#### Of that amount...

#### 1% of plastic waste ended up in the environment as uncontrolled garbage



4% of plastic waste was incinerated for energy recovery





### 86% of plastic waste was landfilled

After 30+ years of recycling programs, it is clear they don't do the

## job needed to handle the growing mountains of plastic pollution.

The only solution is to reduce the amount of plastic that is produced and used. As well, we need less packaging and more reusable and refillable delivery systems for food.

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Source: Data from Environment and Climate Change Canada 2019 Report