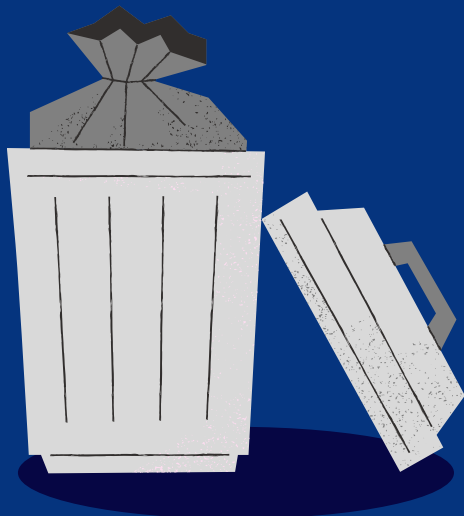


# CAUSE WORDS

## plastic (n.)

Any of a large and varied class of materials used widely in manufacturing, which are organic polymers of high molecular weight, now usually based on synthetic materials.



## single-use (adj.)

Designed to be used once and then disposed of or destroyed; now esp. of plastic items.

## carbon emission (n.)

Emission of carbon, esp. into the atmosphere in the form of carbon dioxide as a contributor to global warming.

### More cause words:

**CO2 (n.)** Carbon dioxide, a colourless, odourless gas produced by the burning of organic compounds and fossil fuels.

**air pollution (n.)** The presence in or introduction into the air of harmful or poisonous substances, esp. as a result of human activity.

**fast fashion (n.)** Inexpensive clothing produced rapidly by mass-market retailers in response to the latest trends.

**unsustainable (adj.)** That creates ecological imbalance or degradation, typically by the long-lasting or permanent depletion of finite natural resources.

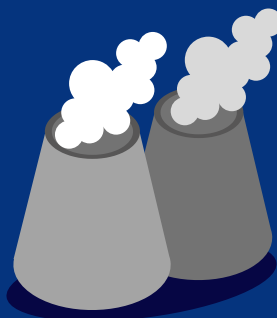
**deforest (v.)** To clear or strip of forests or trees.

**tipping point (n.)** The point at which a series of small changes or incidents becomes significant enough to cause a larger, more important, and often irreversible change.

**overshoot (n.)** The action or result of travelling or extending further than is normal or advisable, esp. of inadvertently going past an intended stopping or turning point.

## dirty (adj.)

A fuel, source of energy, technology, etc.: producing high levels of pollutants and high net emissions of greenhouse gases; non-renewable.



## overconsumption (n.)

The action or fact of consuming something to excess excessive. Use of natural resources, esp. in industrial processes.

