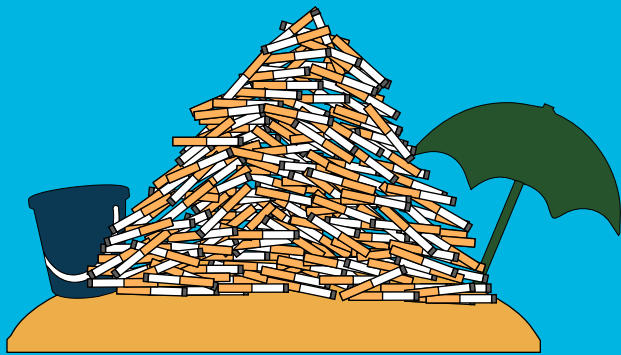


# No ifs, ands, or...**BUTTS**

The truth about cigarette butts 

Cigarette butts are the **#1 TRASH ITEM** found on beaches **WORLDWIDE**

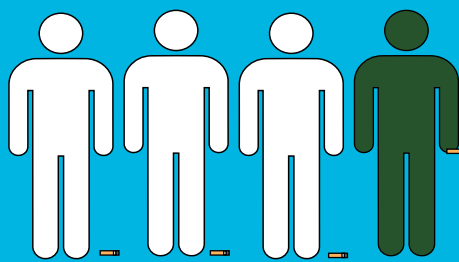


They contain **TOXIC CHEMICALS** including

**ARSENIC & NICOTINE** that leach into our ocean and can **HARM MARINE LIFE**

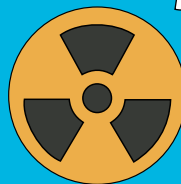


**3 OUT OF 4 SMOKERS**

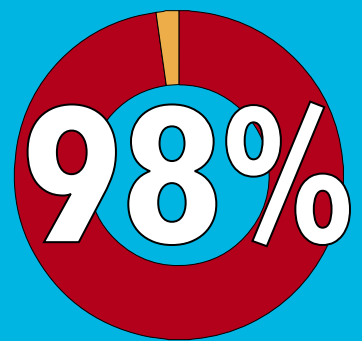


report they litter their cigarette butts

 They aren't just litter. They're

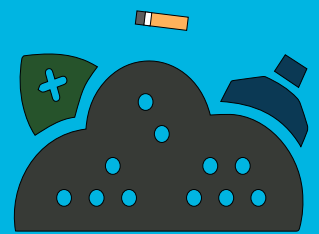


**TOXIC WASTE**

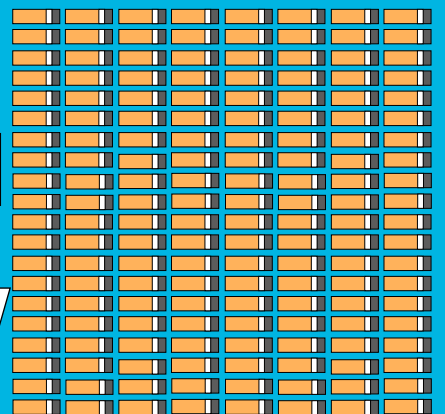


of all butts are made of **PLASTIC** which means they take

**YEARS** to **DECOMPOSE**



**OVER 4.5 TRILLION** butts are thrown away each year



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