

Clean Seas

The Arctic is not exempt from the growing problem of marine plastic pollution. AECO's members are actively working to reduce single-use waste through the following initiatives:

Reduction

Rethinking operations and minimizing the use of single-use items to reduce environmental impact.

Cleanups

Organizing cleanup activities and reporting data to enhance understanding of marine litter.

Education

Raising awareness among passengers and crew on how to prevent marine plastic pollution through responsible practices.



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.
- Point out out-of-reach items to your expedition team; the ship will handle and properly dispose of the waste.



Choose Reusable Products

In the Arctic, there are 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 items with hidden plastics, like packaging and disposable utensils, out of nature.