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Millions Join Earth Day Observances Across the Nation



Throngs jamming Fifth Avenue yesterday in response to a call for the regeneration of a polluted environment. View is north from 43d Street, with Central Park in background.

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8.8 million tons of
plastics enter our
oceans every year.





By 2025, for every
3 pounds of fish
there will be 1
pound of plastics.



Sea birds
mistake
red or
orange
plastic
bottle
caps
for shrimp
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Plastics Are Made From Chemicals and Fossil Fuels



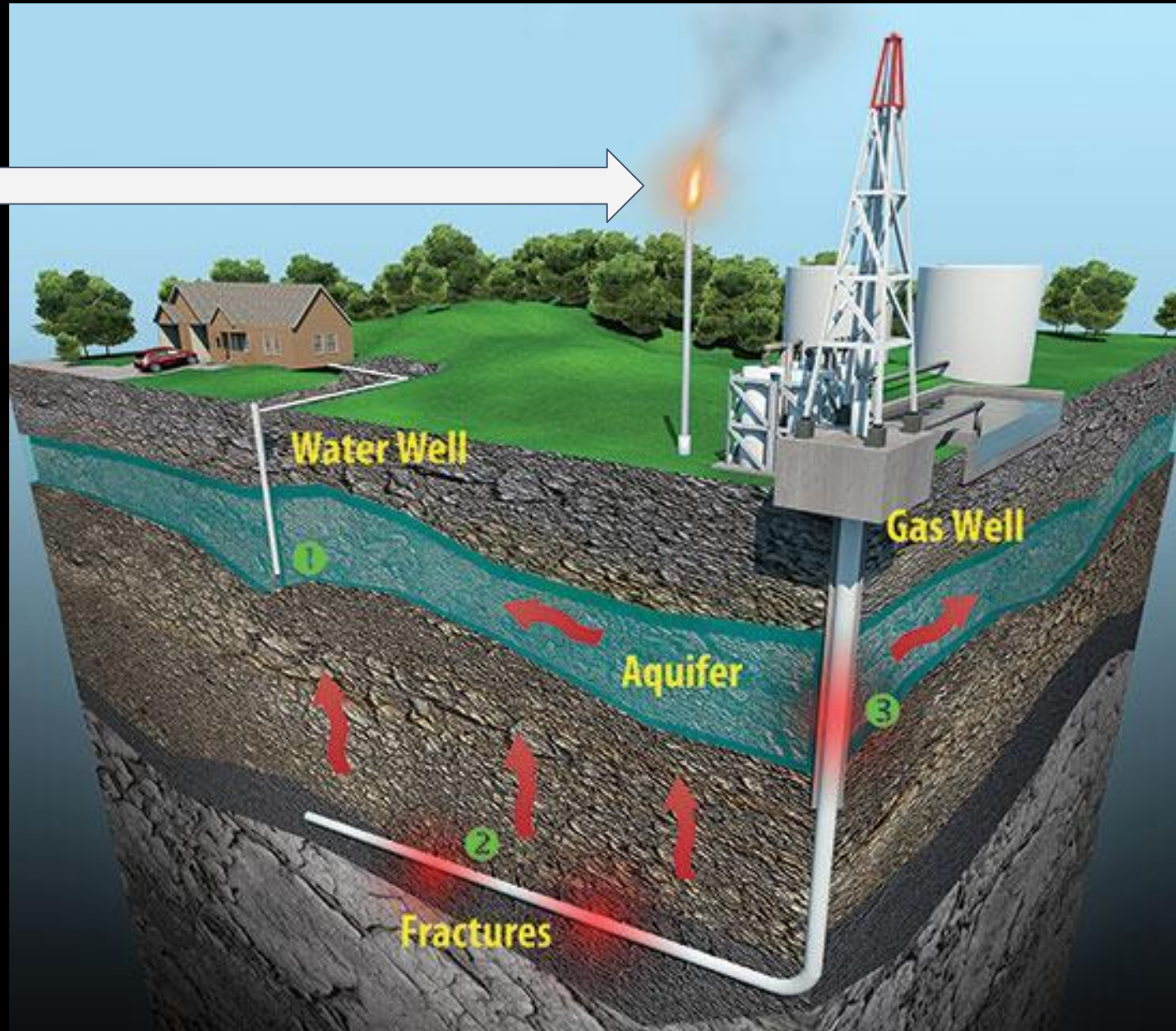
Fossil fuels are: coal,
oil and gas.



Today, mostly made
from a by-product
of gas: ethane

The dangers of fracking

Ethane gas












PFOA is used
as lining in food
packaging

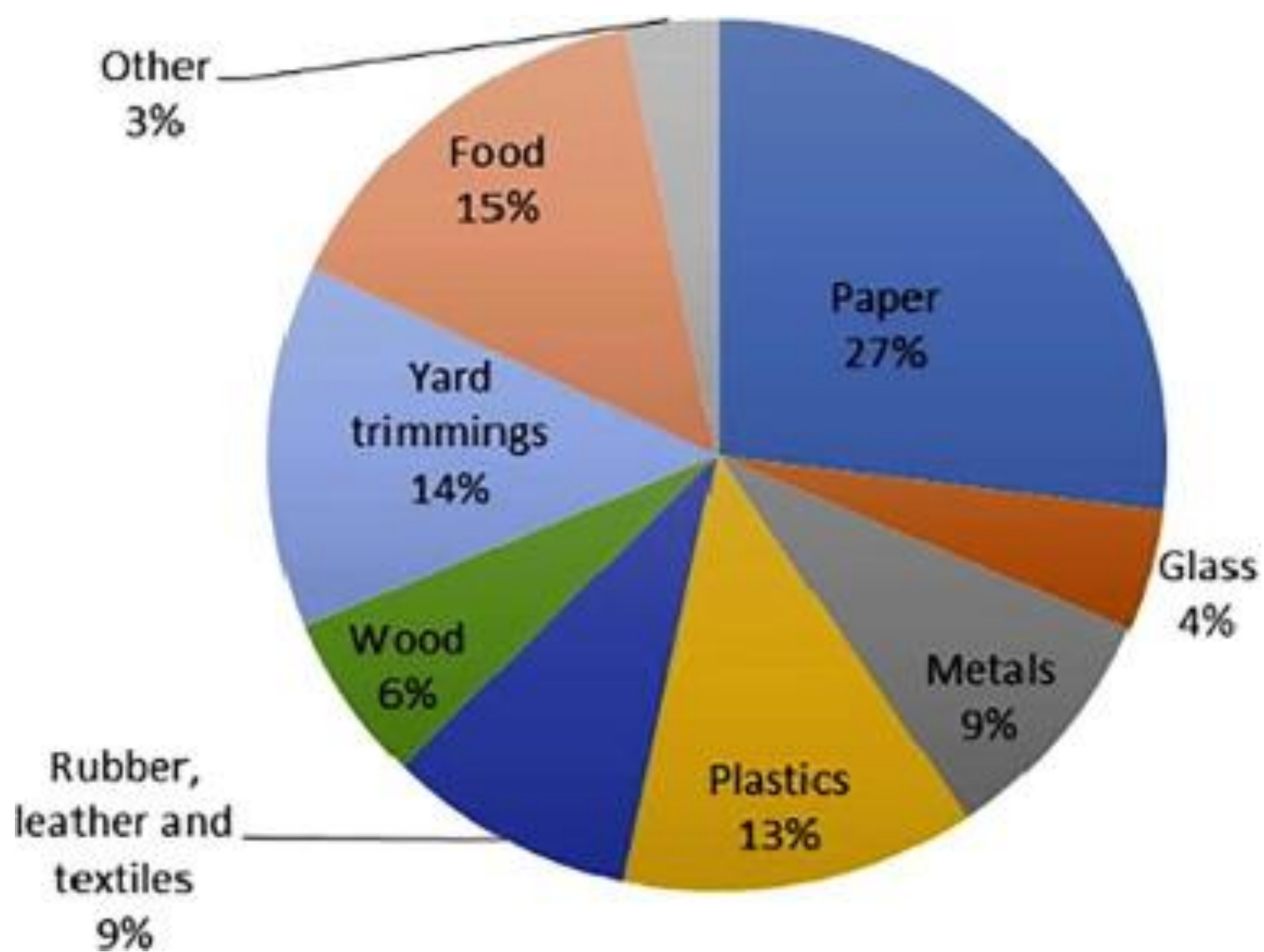
The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred photograph of various plastic bottles and containers. Some bottles have blue caps, while others have white caps. The plastic appears to be of different types, with some showing signs of wear or recycling marks. The overall tone is somewhat muted, with a focus on the textures and shapes of the plastic waste.

There are twice as many microplastics in bottled water than in tap water.





**WE CANNOT
RECYCLE OUR
WAY OUT OF THIS
PROBLEM**





TO
STOP
PLASTIC
POLLUTION
STOP
MAKING
PLASTIC



#breakfreefromplastic



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STRAWS



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THE PLASTIC TRIFECTA



WHERE TO BEGIN TO WORK ON THE PLASTIC TRIFECTA?

1. In your life
2. On your campus
3. Civic organizations
4. Faith groups
5. City councils or Town board
6. County legislature
7. State legislature



Too big to fail.



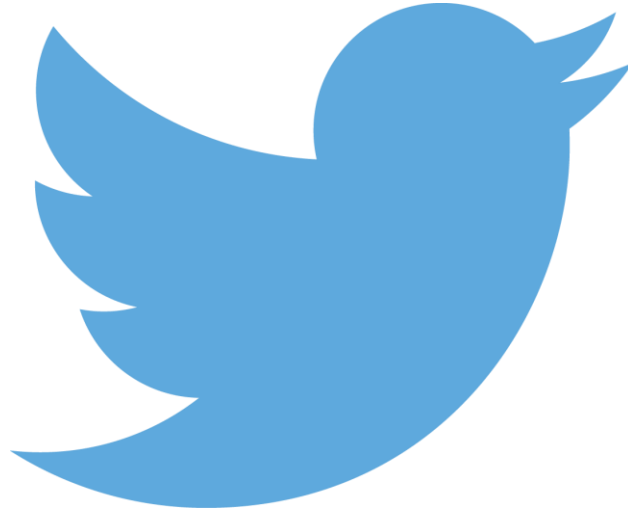






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