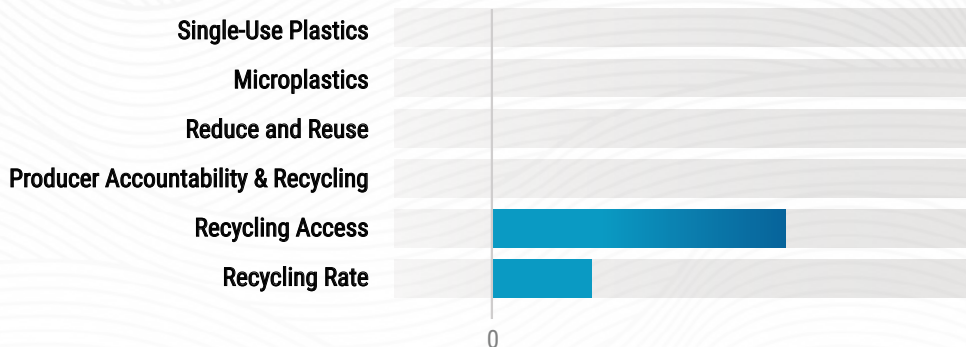


United States OF PLASTICS

Nevada

PACIFIC AND COLORADO RIVER BASINS

Nevada, a landlocked state in the Great Basin, is best known for its vast deserts and vibrant entertainment scene. Nevada is connected to the ocean through the Colorado River, which supplies Lake Mead, a crucial reservoir in Nevada, with millions of gallons of water annually, providing drinking water and recreation for many communities. Nevada is also home to Lake Tahoe, Red Rock Canyon and the Black Rock Desert which attract numerous outdoor enthusiasts each year. Although the state and its communities rely heavily on its connection to a healthy waterway and environment, Nevada has yet to pass legislation that would address plastic pollution, which poses a serious threat to its communities and wildlife.





Single-Use Plastics

The state has not passed any laws restricting the single-use plastics reviewed in our study.



Reduce and Reuse

The state has not enacted any laws relating to plastic reduction or reuse.



Microplastics

The state has not passed any laws to address microplastic pollution.



Producer Accountability and Recycling

The state does not have extended producer responsibility or deposit return programs for packaging or beverage containers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- There are many opportunities to take action in Nevada. Policies that reduce our reliance on single-use plastics can have a near-term impact on preventing plastic pollution and raise awareness of the issue for future action.
- Since tourism is a major driver in Nevada's economy, the state has an opportunity to champion sustainable tourism by phasing out single-use plastics for personal care products in hotels. Reducing the use of unnecessary single-use plastics by tourists could lead to a significant reduction in waste and pollution.
- Policies that support local reuse and refill systems, such as requiring reusable foodware at events, could help reduce reliance on single-use plastics and increase awareness around plastic pollution.

Top 10 Items Collected by ICC Volunteers

- 1 Cigarette Butts
- 2 Food Wrappers (Candy, chips, etc.)
- 3 Beverage Bottles (Plastic)
- 4 Bottle Caps (Plastic)
- 5 Beverage Cans
- 6 Beverage Bottles (Glass)
- 7 Lids (Plastic)
- 8 Straws, Stirrers
- 9 Bottle Caps (Metal)
- 10 Grocery Bags (Plastic)