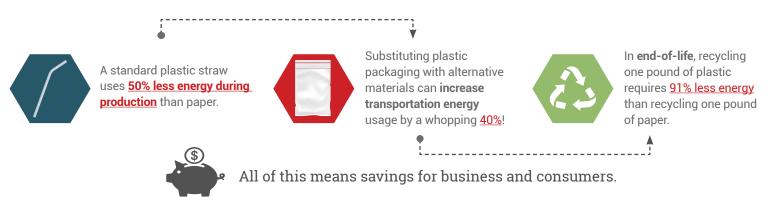


## **Plastics, The Sustainable Choice**

Industries across the economy choose plastics as a sustainable choice because they are **lightweight**, **durable**, **versatile and the most resource-efficient option available**. Though critics tend to be more in favor of alternatives like glass, metal and wood, studies prove that **plastics should be a go-to** for consumers and companies alike seeking to conserve energy, water and carbon.

## Plastics conserve energy at all points in the product life cycle.



## Plastics conserve water in a variety of consumer-based and industrial applications.



Drip irrigation systems made from polyethylene and soaker hoses made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC) **increase water efficiency** in backyards and agricultural areas.



Plastic piping can help reduce the 850 broken pipe incidents that occur daily.



Plastic pool covers prevent <u>up to 95%</u> of pool water evaporation, <u>saving</u> <u>thousands of gallons</u> of water that float into the sky every month.

## Plastics conserve carbon across the economy.



Replacing all plastic bottles with glass would create carbon emissions equivalant to the amount produced by <u>22 coal-fired power plants</u>.



<u>Airplanes made with plastic</u> save up to **20% more fuel** than those with fewer plastic parts.



Plastics make cars lighter, conserving fuel and lowering emissions.