

# RECYCLABLE OF THE MONTH:

**March 2022**

**Plastic 101  
= Bottles**



**ITEMS:** Plastic Bottles: water, soda, laundry, etc.

**HOW TO RECYCLE:** Take empty bottles to the Recycling Wall

Plastic Bottles “only Natural Frosted” (milk gallons, etc.)

Plastic Bottles “only NOT Natural” (clear, colors or white) >

deposit EACH in their appropriate container on the Recycling Wall

Refundable Plastic Bottles (soda, seltzer, etc.) deposit in the SHEDS  
at either end of the Recycling Wall

## RECYCLING FACTS:

- The world buys a million plastic bottles every minute!
- Plastic bottles are produced with fossil fuels, wasting valuable resources!
- Plastic water & soda bottles are made w/the same type of plastic resin.
- It takes almost 2,000 times the energy to manufacture a bottle of water than it does to produce tap water.
- Every day Americans throw away more than 60 million plastic water bottles - most end up in landfills or as litter (on land & in water).
- Plastic constitutes 90% of all trash floating on the ocean’s surface.
- One million seabirds and 100,000 fish, sea mammals & turtles die every year due to plastic pollution.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- SWITCH to using eco-friendly reusable (refillable) bottles.
- RAISE AWARENESS: tell family, friends, and your workplace about the environmental impact & encourage reusable bottles & less plastic usage.
- INSTALL a WATER FILTER if you need it in your home or location.
- FIND ALTERNATIVES to other plastic products you buy.

**2021 was the 50th Anniversary of  
Wellesley’s Recycling programs!  
It’s 2022 - help us do more!**



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