

# RECYCLABLE OF THE MONTH:

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## Plastic 101 = Bottles



**ITEMS:** PLASTIC BOTTLES: water, sports drinks, laundry, etc.!!

**HOW TO RECYCLE:** Rinse, empty, & replace cap. Take empty bottles to the Recycling Wall & Deposit EACH in their appropriate container:

Plastic Bottles (Natural) = all with a frosted/translucent appearance including 1 gallon Milk

Plastic Bottles (Clear/Colored) = all that are Colored, Clear or White

Refundable Soda Plastic Bottles = into Refundable Containers Shed

### RECYCLING FACTS:

- NOTE: a Plastic Bottle's opening must be smaller than body of the bottle
- Plastic bottles are produced with fossil fuels, wasting valuable resources!
- It takes ~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).
- The world buys a million plastic bottles every minute!
- Plastic constitutes 90% of all trash floating on the ocean's surface.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Please 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.
- FIND ALTERNATIVES to other plastic products you buy. Thank you!

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