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SAVE THE FUTURE NOT ONLY TODAY

Recycling, Reusing and Repurposing Plastic Items

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Introduction:

- From water bottles and milk jugs to cleaning product containers and shampoo bottles, it's safe to say that our homes are filled with plastic packaging that ultimately make our lives more convenient. However, many of us often unknowingly throw away these plastic items that can easily be reused or recycled instead. Recycling and repurposing everyday plastic materials are a lot easier than many may realize, and save you tons of money. Plus, properly recycling these plastics ultimately benefits the environment by reducing the need for more landfills and conserving energy. Not sure where to start? We've got you covered. There are so many simple and creative ways to recycle, reuse and repurpose plastic items, and we're giving you the ultimate guide on how to do it all!

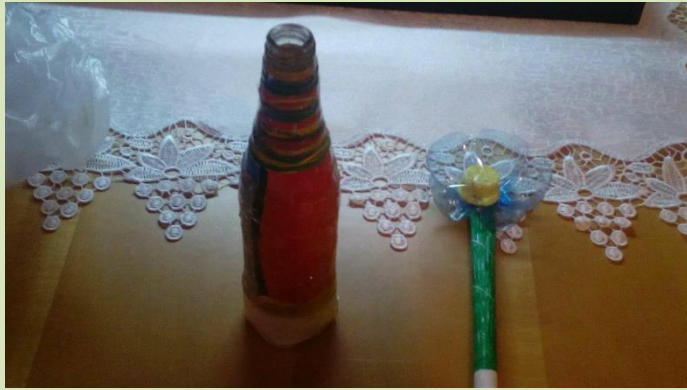
Which Plastic Items Can Go in the Recycling Bin?

- So, which plastic items can be recycled? Here are some of the best and most common plastic items you can recycle:
- Plastic bottles
- Juice and milk cartons
- Peanut butter jars
- Salad dressing and cooking oil containers
- Most cleaning product containers
- Bleach and laundry detergent containers
- Shampoo and conditioner bottles
- Yogurt and butter tubs
- Once recycled, most of these plastic containers can be turned into completely new products, including plastic food containers, tote bags, clothing, furniture, composite lumber, benches, carpet, pipes, pet homes, tables and even fencing.



How to Save and Reuse Plastic Items in Your Home

- here are tons of easy and creative ways to reuse some of the plastic items in our homes. Here are a few ideas for reusing those plastic items instead of tossing them:
- Use an old fruit juice or milk jug to water plants.
- Save peanut butter jars and use them to store snacks like cheese crackers.
- Use old salad dressing containers to mix and store your own homemade salad dressings.
- Store pet food in large plastic snack containers that cheese puffs come in. It will help keep ants at bay.
- Cut off the bottom of two liter bottles and use them as small planters. They are also great for starting seeds!
- Wash and reuse plastic soda bottles as pretty water containers for refilling water glasses at dinner.



How to Transform and Repurpose Plastic Items

- If you want to get really creative with your old plastic items and turn them into something completely new, here are a few fun DIY ideas to get you started:
- Turn Gum Holders Into Small Travel Storage Containers. These cute, customized containers can be transformed into mini sewing kits, first aid kits and so much more.
- Make a DIY Phone Charging Station. Use an old plastic bottle to make a caddy for your cell phone, and never worry about where to charge your phone again.
- Turn a Kitty Litter Container Into a Litter Scoop. Now, this trick is amazing...with just a few items, you can turn an old cat litter container into a cat litter scoop. It's genius!

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