Bainbridge Island – Zero-Waste Eco Brick Project
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Here’s a way to stop throwing it all away
I want your clean, dry, plastic scraps for art and building projects!
What we call “trash” is actually valuable!

This project involves stuffing clean ½ gallon cartons or clear plastic bottles with clean, dry plastic scraps. When stuffed tightly into a rigid container, plastic trash makes a great insulator and building material for many applications, including art projects. You’ll be amazed at how much trash you can fit into one container!

Your plastic scraps should be:

- Clean and dry (to prevent mold growth and odors)
- Plastic or composite materials only (e.g., plastic/paper/foil laminates are ok)
- Non-recyclable, non-compostable items
- Scrunchable or small scraps (cut up larger items such as clam shells into stuffable pieces)
- Stuffed TIGHTLY into a ½ gallon milk/juice carton or clear plastic bottle

Prohibited items:

- No wet or food soiled items
- No compostable paper items (put these in the compost or recycling)
- No large rigid, plastic components (must be scrunchable or cut into small pieces and stuffed)
- No sharp or jagged items
- No broken glass
- No hazardous waste
- No liquids
- No loose plastics (everything must be stuffed tightly into a container)

Plastic scraps should be stuffed TIGHTLY inside of one of the following rinsed and air dried containers:

- Standard half-gallon milk/juice cartons (open up the top completely, rinse out and air dry before stuffing, caps must be included)
- Any clear (transparent only) plastic bottles (rinse out and air dry before stuffing, please remove labels, caps must be included)

Be sure to stuff the container with as much plastic as you can. The sides of the container should be bulging out ¼” per side when tight enough. **For cartons: Once full and tight, fold the carton top closed, fold flat and tape the carton closed with plastic packing tape.**

Please label the top of the carton/bottle with your name. This provides accountability and opportunity for neighborly feedback. :)

**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE STUFFED TIGHTLY INTO A BOTTLE OR A CARTON.**

**NO LOOSE PLASTICS.**

Contributions for now will go on the porch of 353 Wallace Way #4.

Make this a really fun project for everyone in your household!
You will save on your landfill/garbage volume - guaranteed!
Questions? Contact V at vcalvez@gmail.com