**July Social Media Captions – Plastic**

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| **Facebook** |
| July2023-FB-Image1 | Balloons are pretty and fun and can be good decorations. But they are often not good for the environment. They can end up as litter, and animals may mistake deflated balloons for food. Instead of using balloons as decorations, consider using items that can be reused or recycled, such as fabric bunting or tassels. You can also make DIY decorations, such as paper pom poms and pinwheels or ribbon wands. Check out this article from Earth911 for more information. #recycleright #recyclerighttexas #texasrecyclesday #recycling #plastic #plasticfreejuly #sustainableliving https://earth911.com/living-well-being/balloons-environment/ |
| July2023-FB-Image2 | Plastic water bottles are recyclable and accepted in most curbside or drop-off programs. Just make sure they are empty, clean, and dry. And be sure to check with your community or waste hauler to find out what materials are accepted for recycling. Or, if you want to do your part to protect the environment by reducing single-use plastic use, consider using a refillable water bottle or container instead. #recycleright #recyclerighttexas #texasrecyclesday #recycling #plastic #plasticfreejuly #sustainableliving |
| July2023-FB-Image3 | Plastic pollution, especially waste from single-use plastic bags, can injure or kill marine life, can cause litter on beaches or other landscapes, and may cause flooding as a result of clogged storm drains and other drainage systems. Plastic bags can’t be recycled in most curbside or drop-off programs, but you can bring them back to many retail locations, you can reuse them for trash bags or pet waste bags, or you can avoid them altogether by bringing your own reusable bags when you shop. Always be sure to check with your community or waste hauler to find out what materials are accepted for recycling. #recycleright #recyclerighttexas #texasrecyclesday #recycling #plastic #plasticfreejuly |
| July2023-FB-Image4 | Many types of plastics are recyclable in curbside and drop-off programs, but some are not. Check out the type of plastic by looking for the “chasing arrow” symbol on the item. Just because the arrows are present doesn’t mean the item is recyclable. On plastic products, the numbers inside of the symbols tell you what type of plastic it is. For example, 1 and 2 are PET and HDPE, which are soda and water bottles, cleaning products, milk and juice jugs, and shampoo bottles. These are usually recyclable in most programs. Other items may or may not be recyclable, so be sure to check with your community or waste hauler to find out what materials are accepted for recycling. Learn more about what the numbers and letters mean at https://sustainablepackaging.org/101-resin-identification-codes/ #recycleright #recyclerighttexas #texasrecyclesday #recycling #plastic #sustainableliving |

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| Instagram |
| July2023-IG-Image1 | Wondering what to do with those used balloons? They aren’t accepted at most curbside or drop-off programs, so you should throw them away, or you can reuse them before throwing them away, such as using them to waterproof your devices or medications when going for a swim or to the beach or using foil balloons as gift wrapping. https://www.conserve-energy-future.com/are-balloons-recyclable.php #recycleright #recyclerighttexas #texasrecyclesday #recycling #plastic |
| July2023-IG-Image2 | Most plastic water bottles can be recycled in curbside or drop-off programs. Just make sure they are clean and dry and be sure to check with your community or waste hauler to find out what materials are accepted for recycling. #recycleright #recyclerighttexas #texasrecyclesday #recycling #plastic |

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| Twitter |
| July2023-TW-Image1 | Next time you reach for a bottle of water at the store, think about using a refillable water bottle instead. It’s good for the environment and your wallet! #reducewaste #plastic #sustainableliving  |

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| July2023-TW-Image2 | The “chasing arrows” symbol on plastic products tell you what type of plastic it is. Check with your municipality or waste hauler to find out what materials are recyclable in your community. Learn more about what the numbers and letters mean at https://sustainablepackaging.org/101-resin-identification-codes/ Hint: Most plastics 1 and 2 are recyclable in most curbside and drop-off programs. #recycling #sustainability #plastic |