

Make a Lantern for Solstice Light Festival!

Come celebrate the longest night of the year in a garden of lights on the evening of **December 21st, 5:30-7pm**. A path of luminaria will circle the grounds, leading to a frozen light garden. Stop along the way to sing carols or share in warm drinks and snacks.

We are hoping that everyone can contribute a lantern (or several), simple or elaborate, we want your light to shine here!

Ice Lanterns

Many different sized containers can work, but families with children have received a can in your special delivery that will be perfect. For the insert, tall juice or coffee cans, and yogurt tubs work well.

1. Two sizes of aluminum cans or plastic containers - one nests inside the other.
2. Greenery, berries, flower petals, sliced fruit, twigs, colored tissue paper fragments
3. Weights and/or tape to hold insert within water mold
4. Water

Instructions

- Clean out your cans
- Put water in the larger of the two containers so that the smaller container can nest within
- Hold the smaller insert in place by loading it with something heavy like marbles, stones, or sand. Tape can help hold it in position.

Add decorative natural elements to the water (Or leave it plain) and place outside (if it's cold enough) or in the freezer.

To extract: - simply run warm water on the outside container and inside of the inset container to loosen (or bring into the warm house for a few minutes). Voila! You have an ice lantern.





Luminaria

the perfect use of leftover plastic milk jugs, tissue paper, & markers - you can decorate it, or not ... as you wish.

If you do use paper, avoid opaque paper as it blocks the glow.

Variety

There are numerous ways to make your luminaria from jugs. Look online or in emailed versions of this page for links to detailed instructions for several types.



Possible Materials

emptied and cleaned plastic containers, craft knife, scissors/hole punches/cookie cutters, markers for tracing and decoration, tissue paper, glue, small container for mixing glue, paint brushes.

Here are some links for ideas and instructions:

[Milk bottle luminaries](#)

[Easy Luminaries](#)

[Milk jug lanterns](#)

We will have candles, both battery and flame versions and rice to weigh down milk jugs, or you can bring them pre-weighted.

Plastic or ice lanterns can be dropped off Saturday 12/18 through noon on Tuesday 12/21 near the picnic table at the Clarke street white house, just to the right of the entry to driveway. We're hoping the weather will cooperate!

Contact Margo or Erika with questions

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