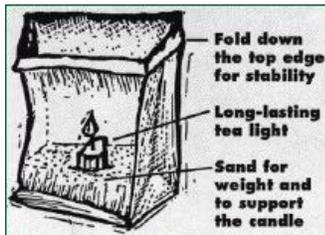


Canning jars with tealights or candles inside work very well



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Luminaries can easily be crafted at home from white or pastel paper bags embellished with cutouts, enough sand to keep the bag upright, and a votive candle placed inside. Most homes need at least 10 bags out front to be effective.



General instructions for putting together your luminary kit *(Rock salt, stones, or kitty litter can be used in place of sand)*

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The following instructions use a ½ gal plastic milk jug:



1. Slice a long narrow 'hole' in plastic jug just below bottom of handle, and not slicing all around. Place rock salt, sand, stones, or kitty litter in bottom of jug to serve as a weight.
2. Center the votive candle (or battery-powered tea light) in the rock salt. Press down lightly to nest in place. Only a quarter-inch of the candle's base is surrounded by the rock salt. Keep candle visible, not covered.
3. Light the candle outdoors.
4. Do not cover the carton with a cap or stopper. The open top works like a chimney.
5. Hold the carton at the base. Don't use the bend-able handle to carry the lit luminary. Place the plastic carton base where you want the luminary displayed. The plastic carton permits the luminary to nestle in the snow.
6. Keep the air-entry hole away from the wind. Let a solid side face the wind.
7. Keep the luminary level. Tilted candles burn unevenly and more quickly.
8. For best results, use a votive candle or tealight.
10. To save for next year, remove candle, pour the rock salt into a plastic bag. Put the luminary instructions in the rock salt bag and seal tightly. Place the bag inside the plastic carton. Store the luminary kit upright in a dry place away from children's reach