

Where did this bench come from?

This bench is the result of a collaboration between Ohef Sholom Temple, whose members collected hundreds of pounds of plastic bags and film, keeping it out of the oceans, waterways and landfills, and the Trex Corporation, which recycles the plastic into products like this bench.



Facts About Single Use Plastic Bags

- Americans use 100 billion plastic bags a year, which require 12 million barrels of oil to manufacture.
- The average American family takes home almost 1,500 plastic shopping bags a year. According to Waste Management, only about 1 percent of them are recycled.
- At least 267 different species have been affected by plastic bags. 100,000 marine animals are killed by plastic bags annually.
- It takes plastic bags 500 or more years to degrade in a landfill. The bags do not break down completely; instead they become microplastics that absorb toxins and continue polluting the environment.

Source: Center for Biological Diversity

