

Make a promise to our Earth. Let's say "Bye-Bye" to one-time-use water bottles!

The Problem: Did you know people are drinking billions of throw-away water bottles of water each year? In the U.S. we buy nearly 1 billion bottles of water per week. This is enough bottles to circle our Earth at least **FIVE TIMES**. The production of bottled water wastes energy, oil, and WATER. Unbelievably most empty water bottles are not recycled. In fact, 4 out of every 5 bottles end up in a landfill (garbage dump) or other places on Earth like oceans or riverways. So please don't use throw-away bottles unless there is an emergancy.



Water from your faucet in the U.S. is safe.

In the U.S. government the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for keeping our drinking water safe. Find out about drinking water in the U.S. and even learn how to get YOUR drinking water tested! Click here to learn more. <u>http://water.epa.gov/drink/local</u>/

Too many people use one-time-use water bottles in our school.



One-time-use water bottle facts:

*In the U.S. making bottles for water uses more than 17 million barrels of oil annually, enough to fuel 1.3 million cars for a year.

*Many brands of bottled water get their water from a faucet just like the one in your kitchen; nothing safer about it.

*Bottled water is EXPENSIVE! If you drank 8 glasses of water a day from your faucet for a year, it would cost 49¢. The same amount of water in throw-away bottles would cost \$1400.

*Learn more from The Story of Bottled Water.

What can your school do?

▲ Say no to bottled water! ▲ Make a loud speaker announcement asking kids to drink water out of reusable bottles. ▲ Sell reusable water bottles. ▲ Install a **reusable water bottle** filling station. Most filling stations will tally how many bottles your school has diverted from the landfills. Sadly, kids world-wide drink too much water in throw-away bottles. Billions of bottles are polluting the Earth!







Briargrove Elementary School, Houston, Texas:

Briargrove Elementary students and parents have done some wonderful things to help protect our Earth. They formed a Kids for Saving Earth Club and have worked hard to get one-time-use bottled water out of school. They partnered with a local grocery store, received a NWF eco-grant and parents chiped in to help pay for the water "filling station" at their school.

What can you do?

1. Stop using one-time-use bottled water and tell your parents how much it hurts the Earth and that they will save money.

2. Carry a <u>reusable water bottle</u> which can be refilled over and over again. Ask friends and family to do the same. Many people work hard making sure our public water supply is safe to drink, so use the water in your faucet.

3. Upcycle old plastic bottles into fun creations.

4. Print this KSE poster and post it where people can see it - your school, grocery store, church, or apartment building.

Order a Kids for Saving Earth Promise to the Earth <u>reusable bottle.</u>

Read a book.

Below are some of our favorites.

Check these at your library or click to buy online. If you order through Amazon be sure to sign up for <u>Amazon Smile</u> and choose Kids for Saving Earth as your charity. Each time you order on <u>Amazon Smile</u> a donation is made to Kids for Saving Earth.

The-Magic-School-Bus At the Waterworks A Cool Drink of Water



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