



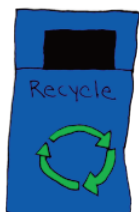
# Bye-Bye Throw-Away Bottles!



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

*A Kids for Saving Earth Education to Action Program*

**The Problem:** Did you know people worldwide are drinking more than \$100 billion dollars worth of throw away bottles of water each year? In the U.S. we buy more than 1/2 billion bottles of water per week. This is enough bottles to circle our Earth **FIVE TIMES**. The production of bottled water wastes energy, oil, and WATER. Unbelievably most empty water bottles are not recycled. In fact, 5 out of every 6 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 clean water is not available.



## Is your water safe?

In the U.S. government the Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)) is responsible for keeping our drinking water safe. Find out about drinking water standards and even learn how to get [YOUR drinking water tested!](#) Ask your parents or teachers to help you with these links.

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



## Single 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.
- \* Teachers check out [The Story of Bottled Water](#).

## What your school can do and save money at the same time!

▣ Say no to throw away bottled water! ▣ Make a loud speaker announcement asking kids to stop drinking bottled water. ▣ Recycle throw away bottles. ▣ Install a **reusable water bottle** filling station. Most filling stations will tally how many bottles your school has diverted from the landfills. ▣ Take the ["Take Back the Tap Pledge"](#) and commit to drinking tap water from your faucets instead of bottled water.





## Briar Grove Elementary School:

Briar Grove 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 bottled water out of school. They earned funds and also got a grant to help pay for the water ["filling station"](#) at their school. [Click here to learn more about Briar Grove.](#)

### What can you do?

1. Stop using one time use bottled water and ask your parents stop buying it.
2. Carry a [reusable water bottle](#) 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. Make a poster explaining why we should use bottled water. then post it where people can see it - your school, grocery store, church, or apartment building.
5. In [certain states](#) you can receive money for each bottle you turn in.

**Order a Kids for Saving Earth Promise to the Earth [reusable bottle.](#)**

### Read a book.

Below are some of our favorites.

First check these out at your library. If they're not available, buy on line.

If you order through Amazon be sure to sign up for [Amazon Smile](#) and choose Kids for Saving Earth as your charity. Each time you order on [Amazon Smile](#) a donation is made to Kids for Saving Earth.

[The-Magic-School-Bus At the Waterworks](#)

[The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle](#)

[A Cool Drink of Water](#)

