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A special note from Friendly the Eagle

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DIY ANIMAL PLASTIC BOTTLE PLANTER OR BOWL

Spark your DIY spirit with a simple project that turns 2-liter bottles into your favorite animal planter or bowl.

What you need:

- Empty 2-liter bottle(s)
- Scissors
- Paint and markers
- Tape or glue
- Plant, candy or knick-knacks to store

Instructions:

- Cut the bottom third of a 2-liter bottle.
- Paint the bottle the color of your choice.
- Use parts of the rest of the bottle to cut out ears and attach them to the top of the opening.
- Draw an animal face and other features on the bottle.
- Fill the bottle with seeds and soil, or your favorite candy or other knick-knacks.



<https://www.budgetdumpster.com/blog/diy-plastic-bottles-recycling/>

SAVE MONEY & SAVE THE EARTH!

Every April, we celebrate Earth Day. Among all the ways to save the Earth, there are also ways that you and your family can save money too.

WALK OR BIKE

If you're going somewhere close by, leave the car at home and walk or bike to your destination. It will save your family money at the gas pump, it reduces the use of fossil fuels so it's good for the environment, and it also gives you an excuse to get some exercise.

UNPLUG UNUSED CORDS

Conserve energy and help your parents save money on the electric bills by simply unplugging cords when you're not using them.

GET A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE

Skip the individual plastic bottles that clog up our landfills and pollute our oceans. Instead, get a reusable water bottle and fill it up. You can even add your favorite flavorings with a few pieces of fruit or flavor packets.

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Don't forget to go to the Friendly's Club page on our website, at the beginning of each month, to view the new monthly trivia question. Answer the question at any Waukesha State Bank office, and get a token that you can redeem for cool prizes.

SAY NO TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Not only do they clog our landfills and oceans - mostly because there are so many of them and they can sometimes take hundreds of years before they start to break down - but single-use plastics cost you more money too. That's because you have to buy them over and over again, compared to buying reusable items you can use multiple times.

Instead of wasting money on single-use plastic, try to find similar items that are made of different material. Some examples are things like:

- metal straws
- reusable water bottles
- paper cups
- reusable snack bags
- cloth grocery bags



PAPER OR PLASTIC?

We'll never get rid of all the plastic material we use, but there are some things we can do to limit its use.

- If you have reusable bags, that's great! If not, choose paper bags instead of plastic.
- If you do get plastic bags, reuse them as many times as you can before you recycle them.
- Recycle plastic bags properly. They jam up the recycling equipment so they can't be put in your recycling bin, but you can find a recycling location at www.waukeshacounty.gov/plasticfilmandbags.

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WHAT ARE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS?

Single-use plastics are things made of plastic that you only use one time and then throw away. Some may be recyclable, but others are not. Some examples that we use every day are shown below.



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PAPER
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APRIL
SOIL
GREEN

REDUCE
RECYCLE
REUSE

