

MOTHER EARTH

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Pledge that I will never place a plastic bottle in the trashcan. This is because I know where it goes: The Landfill. I will handle my plastic bottles more wisely by putting them in the recycling bin. Most people keep their trash cans in the wide open, so when you're lazy, you throw your used papers and bottles in the trash. Don't! This can be much easier if you simply place your recycling bin right next to your trashcan, making it more visible. This is a great reminder that will keep you green and the Earth happy.

I pledge to use BPA free refillable water bottles. They have no chemical substances so it's safe to use over and over again. Using these bottles saves you from being one of the people who add to the 60,000,000 plastic bottles tossed into landfills each day. I am visiting Lilburn Day Camp this summer break. They have banned plastic bottles and only allow BPA's to keep girls from throwing them in the trash. This is yet another way I am keeping green!

I pledge to go an extra mile with my trash. Everyone thinks its okay to throw veggie and fruit peels in the trash. It is- but there is always a greener way! I will always take my leftover peels to my family's compost pile. After a while the old produce decomposes into soil, which my family can use for our pretty gardens. This is also a way to avoid spending money at Home Depot or Lowes!

I pledge to never, NEVER litter because when it rains, water carries the bottles or wrappers into nearby streams or rivers, which will eventually flow the litter into the ocean. Animals like sea turtles and seals mistake this litter for food and can choke themselves or even kill themselves. Litter being drained into the ocean can kill up to 1,000,000 sea animals every year. This proves that although throwing one plastic bottle on the grass may seem harmless, it can go a very long and harsh way.

I pledge to always turn off the lights, TV, or stereo before I leave a room. It may seem okay to leave the lights on for a while, but get this - Americans waste 4 billion watts of energy per day. I can be better than that. I will save our family money and I'll save the Earth by turning off the lights!