

FREE WATER DAY

For one day, your group collects abandoned water bottles around your campus, office, or neighborhood. You pour the leftover water onto trees and plants, recycle every bottle, and log the total in the Free Water app. Your results appear live on your group's own impact page.



Scan for the app

1–3 hours

including setup and wrap-up

Any size

5 volunteers or 500

\$0

supplies you likely already have

TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- **Pick a date and a home base** near recycling bins and some trees, planters, or garden beds.
- **Get your group code.** Email hello@projectfreewater.org or use the partner form on the website. You'll get a code and a live page at projectfreewater.org/org/yourname.
- **Check with facilities** on where collected bottles can be recycled and which outdoor spots you can water.
- **Print the bin signs** (the group-code version) and post them a week ahead.
- **Recruit volunteers** and split your area into zones, about one or two people per zone.

SUPPLIES check off as you pack

- ☐ Disposable or reusable gloves
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Recycling bags or bins, plus one trash bag
- ☐ A measuring cup or marked jug (optional, for exact amounts)
- ☐ Phones with the Free Water app and your group code entered

SAFETY RULES

- **Only abandoned bottles.** Never take anything that might belong to someone.
- **Only clear water.** Skip any bottle that's dirty, damaged, or holds anything else.
- **Never drink found water.**
- **Gloves on,** and sanitize hands when you finish.
- **Pour onto soil,** never pavement or storm drains.

ON THE DAY

- 1 Kick off** 10 min
Go over the safety rules, assign zones, and have everyone open the app and enter your group code.
- 2 Collect** 30–60 min
Sweep your zones for abandoned bottles that still have water in them. Bring them back to home base.
- 3 Free the water** 15 min
Pour it onto trees and planters. Spread it around so no one spot gets flooded.
- 4 Log every bottle** 10–20 min
Estimate (a little, half, most) or measure, then tap Log it. Split the bottles across several phones; each phone can log one bottle every 15 seconds.
- 5 Recycle** 5 min
Empty bottles go into recycling. Follow your local rules on caps.
- 6 Celebrate** 5 min
Take a group photo with the pile of empty bottles and your group page showing the total.

AFTER

- Share your group page link and total in your newsletter or channels. Tag [@project.free.water](https://twitter.com/project.free.water) and [#FreeWater](https://twitter.com/FreeWater).
- Leave the bin signs up so the habit continues after the event.
- Send photos and results to hello@projectfreewater.org. We'd love to feature your group.

Make it a challenge: run Free Water Day each season and compare totals, or challenge another department, class, or chapter to beat your number.