



## OPERATION: M3

For the kids at  
CSE Federal Credit Union  
**SPRING 2025**

(AKA, TREAT EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR LIKE IT'S EARTH DAY!)

HEY, KIDS! EARTH DAY IS THE PERFECT TIME TO HELP THE PLANET AND SAVE MONEY AT THE SAME TIME. SAVETTE HAS SOME SMART AND SIMPLE IDEAS FOR YOU TO GO GREEN AND KEEP SOME GREEN IN YOUR POCKET.

### 1. TURN OFF AND UNPLUG

Leaving lights and electronics on wastes energy and money! Unplug and turn off when you're not using them.

### 2. USE REUSABLE INSTEAD OF DISPOSABLE

Instead of buying plastic water bottles, carry a reusable one. Pack lunch in a reusable container instead of using plastic bags.

### 3. SHOP SECONDHAND/GIVE ITEMS A SECOND LIFE

Check out thrift stores, garage sales, or even clothing swaps with friends.

### 4. SAVE WATER

Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth, and taking shorter showers can lower bills and help conserve this precious resource.

### TAKE THE EARTH DAY PLEDGE!

Pick one or two of these green habits and promise to stick with it. Write it down, share it with your family, or even make a fun poster to remind yourself.

**APRIL 22 IS EARTH DAY - A DAY DEDICATED TO PROTECTING OUR AMAZING PLANET. EARTH DAY REMINDS US THAT WE NEED TO TAKE STEPS NOW TO PRESERVE THE EARTH SO FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL ENJOY THE SAME ANIMALS & NATURE THAT WE DO.**

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A PLASTIC BOTTLE TO BREAK DOWN IF IT ISN'T RECYCLED?

- A) 100 YEARS
- B) 450 YEARS
- C) 1,000,000 YEARS

Answer: B) 450 years



# MISSION: SORTING FOR A CLEANER PLANET

Cash and Violet worked hard to clean up Megatown Park, but now they have a big pile of items that need to be sorted into the right trash or recycle bin. Can you help them figure out where each item should go? Draw a line from the item to the correct bin. **DID YOU KNOW?** Some of these recyclables, like cans and bottles, can be turned in for cash. That means you can help the Earth and grow your savings at the same time!



Answers: fancy glass (glass bin), tuna can (metal bin), water bottle (plastic bin), face mask (paper bin), paper bag (paper bin), pizza (organic bin), apple core (organic bin), broken glass (glass bin), sauce container (plastic bin), tomato can (metal bin), plastic bag (plastic bin), banana peel (organic bin), fish bones (organic bin), cardboard box (paper bin), newspaper (paper bin), egg shells (organic bin).

## RECYCLING MATCH-UP: TURN TRASH INTO TREASURE!

Did you know that when you recycle, old items can be turned into brand-new things? But what do they become? Your job is to draw a line from each item to the new product it can turn into. Let's see if you can match them all.

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| 1) Plastic bottles      | A) Bicycle frames      |
| 2) Old newspapers       | B) Tissues             |
| 3) Aluminum cans        | C) Fleece jackets      |
| 4) Glass bottles/jars   | D) Countertops         |
| 5) Cardboard boxes      | E) Paper towels        |
| 6) Soup cans            | F) Playground surfaces |
| 7) Milk cartons         | G) Park benches        |
| 8) Plastic grocery bags | H) Egg cartons         |
| 9) Old tires            | I) Car parts           |

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