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## Free App Helps Cut Plastic Waste

We only have one planet on which we live, to preserve the planet for our children and future generations, people have paid more and more attention to the environmental protection, and there is a free app that can help cut plastic waste.

You know, the world is getting hotter and hotter every year. And it's important for all of us to stay healthy and drink lots of water. It's getting hotter because of something called "climate change". "Climate" means weather. Climate change may cause many problems. Such as hotter temperatures, more severe storms, increased drought, ocean warming, and not enough food. The weather is changing because of all the pollution people have been making for many, many years. There are many kinds of pollution, such as air pollution, water pollution etcetera, and all of them are very bad. One kind is "plastic waste". If someone buys a bottle of water, drinks it, and throws it in the trash, that plastic is now waste. BUT, if someone uses that bottle again, it's no longer waste! And the plastic won't pollute our planet.

The good news is that it's often not too difficult and expensive. Taiwan has a free mobile app to help you find over 8000 spots to refill your water bottles! What you need is a mobile. See...this is my iphone. Folks in Taiwan used to leave tea pots filled with water outside for thirsty passers-by to drink, so that everyone could be safe in the heat. So, that's why we have this app. In English this means "Tea Service". The app has already saved more than 450,000 plastic bottles!

So one of the smart ways is "Choosing reusable over single-use". With everyone working together, we can all help to stop climate change. Preserve the planet and make a better life.