

# Masjid Reusable Water Bottles

Graduating Class Scholarship Fund: 1433 AH/2012 AD

## Savings for the next generation

WHAT

Invest in buying a reusable water bottle from the Masjid instead of using a disposable water bottle for four reasons:

WHY

▪ (1) Saving the environment



Millions of beverage bottles end up littering the landscape. Photo: Fotolia © Irata

<Source: <http://www.blueplanetgreenliving.com/tag/water-bottles>

- Plastic bottles take **700 to 1000 years** to biodegrade.<sup>1</sup>
- 80% of plastic bottles are not recycled.<sup>2</sup>
- Tap water is just as safe as bottled water.<sup>3</sup> Bottled water companies do not have to release their water-testing results to the public, whereas municipalities do<sup>4</sup>
- Terephthalate (PET) is the most commonly used plastic for making water bottles. PET is derived from crude oil.

Sources:

<sup>1</sup> [http://thewaterproject.org/bottled\\_water\\_wasteful.asp](http://thewaterproject.org/bottled_water_wasteful.asp)

<sup>2</sup> <http://greenupgrader.com/3258/plastic-bottle-facts-make-you-think-before-you-drink/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://thethoughtsontheworld.blogspot.ca/2007/07/7-facts-about-bottled-water-you-never.html>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.franklygreen.com/my\\_weblog/2007/06/bottled\\_water\\_f.html](http://www.franklygreen.com/my_weblog/2007/06/bottled_water_f.html)

▪ (2) Savings for the community



Considering the number of people attending the Masjid during Ramadan at night and using bottled water including during Iftar, it can be estimated that on average the consumption of disposable plastic bottles of water per day is in the **hundreds** which adds up to **tens of thousands of bottles of water** for the whole month of Ramadan.

- Bottled water is thousands of times more expensive than water from your faucet.
- The World Wide Fund for Nature campaigns strongly that bottled water is not only environmentally unfriendly but also a waste of consumers money<sup>1</sup>

Sources:

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/etc/news-water.php>

▪ (3) Savings for the Masjid



The Masjid has to pay extra waste management pick up fees.

▪ (4) Savings for our next generation



Support our high school graduating Class of 2012 AD / 1433 AH all of which have been accepted to a post-secondary institution.

- In a 2009 TD Canada Trust study, the total average cost of pursuing a 4-year undergraduate degree in Canada today is roughly **\$55,000** for students living at home and **\$84,000** for students living away from home.

WHO

Anyone attending the Masjid can participate in our first annual: "Masjid Reusable Water Bottles - Graduating Class Scholarship Fund"

WHERE

WHEN

Get your own reusable bottle any time after Aser prayer.

Cost: **\$10 each.**

HOW



Please get one for yourself or buy some as a gift for your family and friends. It will help save the environment, reduce the waste in the community and the Masjid, as well as all the proceeds will go towards the scholarship fund for this year's graduating class!