

Smart Ways to Use . . .

## Empty plastic soda bottles

### Keep boots beautiful

To help tall boots keep their shape while you're not wearing them, slip a two-liter bottle into each leg!

### Water potted plants while you're away!

Fill a one- to two-liter bottle with water; insert upside-down into soil. As the soil dries out, it will absorb the water. Depending on the size of your pot and type of plant, one liter will last one to two weeks.

### Instant funnel

Cut the top third from a plastic soda bottle, then remove the cap—it's a perfect funnel!

### Work out at home!

Fill a two-liter bottle with water to use as a 4 1/2-lb. dumbbell.

### Clear your clutter

No piggy bank? Use an empty bottle to store loose change!

### First-aid help

Fill a 20-oz. bottle 3/4 full with water and keep in your freezer to use as an emergency ice pack.

### Feed the birds!

Cut a few small holes into an empty bottle near the bottom; fill with birdseed. Place outside for your feathered friends to enjoy!

### Snow-day activity!

Set up your own indoor "bowling lane" using 10 empty bottles and an inflatable ball!



### Fill 'n shake

Fill clean, empty 12-oz. bottles with salt and pepper; poke holes into the caps and screw them back on for cute shakers that won't break if you drop them!



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