



Brownie Household Elf Badge

Pillar: Civic Engagement/Life Skills

Outcomes: Develops a strong sense of self. Displays positive values.

Brownies will earn their badge by learning how to make their home clean and green.

1. Save Energy
 - a. Find out about three ways to use less energy, then plan with your family to be more efficient energy users. Being efficient means you're careful to use only what you really need. You might replace five regular lightbulbs with energy-saving ones, clean the lint filter after every dryer load, wash with cold water instead of using energy to heat water, or install a backyard clothesline!
2. Save Water
 - a. Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth. An average running faucet uses two to three gallons per minute! Make a sign to put next to the sink to remind your family to do the same.
3. Go Natural
 - a. Make a natural cleaner for your home, then use it to clean every week for a month. Bonus points if you use an old t-shirt or cleaning cloth instead of paper towels.
4. Reuse or recycle
 - a. Collect 20 leftover plastic bags and take them back to a store that recycles them – they can be used to make plastic lumber for decks or swing sets or polar fleece for vests and coats!
 - b. OR use resources wisely and create a new, useful item out of leftover plastic bags.
5. Clean the air
 - a. Plants filter the air naturally. Put a plant in your favorite room. For two weeks, notice if you can tell a difference in the air. Share your observations with an adult. For more fun: try growing the plant from a seed or decorate the plant pot – or both!

For online resources, check out our Brownie Badge: Household Elf Pinterest Board.

<https://www.pinterest.com/gprograms/brownie-resources/badge-household-elf/>

When you're finished: Congratulations, you have earned your badge! You can purchase by emailing shopdept@gksmo.org or at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/BROWNIE-HOUSEHOLD-ELF-BADGE>

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