

REFILL & SAVE \$\$\$\$

Bottled water has become a popular choice for most Americans. It is convenient to take with you when you are out and about going places or participating in various activities. Water is the ideal choice when your body needs re-hydrating because it does not contain sugar or preservatives. Water is the least expensive choice when considering a product to purchase to satisfy your thirst.

One problem that bottle water has created is the tremendous quantity of plastic water bottles showing up in the environment and landfills. As you are probably aware, plastic is not readily biodegradable, it will remain in the environment for decades. The recent Earth Day celebration and awareness weekend reported that plastic water bottles have been classified as a major culprit of environmental damage. Plastic water bottles can be seen along our highways, city streets, and empty lots and of course, our landfills.

Bonner Springs Utilities strongly recommends to our residents to refill those water bottles with good, clean, fresh, tap water instead of throwing them away. Not only will you be helping to protect the environment, but also you will save hundreds of dollars per year if you refill them. A 24 pack of one-pint water bottles cost about \$4.00 (good sale price), which calculates to 3 gallons of water or \$1.33 per gallon. If a family of four drinks one 24 pack per week (less than one each per day), they would spend \$208 per year on bottle water, plus they would be adding to the build up of used plastic water bottles showing up in the environment. If the family refilled those water bottles for 1 year (52 refills per bottle) using Bonner Springs tap water, the cost would be 65 cents TOTAL! Refilling a one-pint water bottle cost about 5/10 of 1 cent or \$0.000525. The price of tap water is by far the best retail value for any product you purchase. You can purchase **1,000** gallons of water for \$4.85 instead of purchasing only **3** gallons of water for \$4.00. Refilling your water bottles will save you hundreds of dollars and help protect the environment, a wise choice.

We recommend using your water bottles for 3-4 months then purchasing new ones. Washing the bottle tops is important to eliminate germs and bacteria. You can even rinse them in a very dilute solution of bleach for better disinfection. Always discard any bottle

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that dirt or foreign substances are allowed to contaminate the bottle. We do not suggest washing the bottles to remove these contaminants, new bottles are better because they have been properly disinfected.

Start refilling! Save a lot of \$\$\$\$\$ and environment!!!



Tap water is more than a convenience; it is central to our everyday lives.

* Any measure of a successful society — low mortality rates, economic diversity, productivity, public safety — is in some way related to access to safe water.

* Tap water is so intricately part of our lives that we can hardly imagine a day without it. Without tap water How would we rinse our produce, clean dishes and clothes, water plants and landscapes and wash our cars?... Where would we shower?... How many businesses would have to suspend operations or relocate entirely?... How would our institutions - from hospitals to firehouses to schools - function?

* Americans tap into about 341 billion gallons of tap water every day. Total water use (both indoor and outdoor) in a typical single-family home is 101 gallons per capita per day.

For more information go to www.drinktap.org