



TIME TO GET BACK TO THE TAP?

Did you know that Americans spent more money on bottled water last year than they did on ipods or movie tickets almost \$15 billion dollars? It takes the equivalent of 17.6 million gallons of oil to manufacture 28.6 billion plastic water bottles and about 86% of those bottles end up in landfills instead of being recycled! Maybe it's time we think about going back to the tap!

There is actually a TAKE BACK THE TAP campaign that encourages consumers to switch from bottled water to clean, safe and nearly free water that comes from their own tap. Did you know that when you buy a 20 ounce bottle of water from a vending machine it roughly cost you about 5 cents an ounce? A gallon of municipal water runs about 1 cent a gallon!



Water filters make an economically sound purchase and can help you cut back on your use of bottled water. These filters come in many forms but some of the most popular filters are filtered water pitchers that you can store in your refrigerator or attachments to your sink. These filters can block several elements of tap water . . . up to 99% of each item that comes from your sink: zinc, chlorine, copper, lead, sediment and other materials. If you want additional information on purchasing a home water filter, go to:

www.foodandwaterwatch.org/water/bottled/choosing-a-water-filter

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