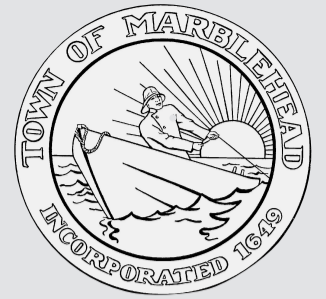




BE GREEN & DRINK FROM THE SINK



WHY?

No need to buy bottled water, we have some of the best water in the country.

Our tap water comes from the pristine Quabbin and Wachusett reservoirs and is delivered straight to our homes without trucking or plastic waste.



HIGH QUALITY

Our tap water is delivered by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

The MWRA tests its water daily in compliance with the EPA's strict safety standards.

Bottled water is regulated as a packaged food item by the FDA and often has less stringent safety and consumer protections.

Water from plastic bottles has about double the microplastics of tap water, according to a 2018 study published in the journal *Frontiers in Chemistry*. *



MORE GREEN

According to the MWRA, bottled water produces over 10,000 times the amount of greenhouse gases as tap water.

Half of the MWRA's energy needs for water treatment are met with green power.

The US leads the world in bottled water consumption. Only about 30% of discarded water bottles are recycled, the rest end up in landfills or are incinerated. **

Plastic waste also ends up in our oceans, damaging ecosystems and marine life.



LOW COST

Don't throw money down the drain!

Only about half of bottled water comes from naturally occurring springs, the rest is municipal tap water. **

According to Food & Water Watch, the average cost per gallon of bottled water is nearly 2,000 times the price of tap water. ***

* "Eat Less Plastics," April 2020, Consumer Report

** "Environmental Impacts of Tap vs. Bottled Water," Dovetail Partners Consuming Responsibility Report, Sept. 2018, MWRA

*** "Take Back the Tap: The Big Business Hustle of Bottled Water," Feb. 2018, Food & Water Watch

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