

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Put the issue on the white paper.
Raise awareness on your campus.
Raise awareness in your community.
Use BPA-free reusable bottles.



With garbage floating in the Pacific Ocean spanning an area twice the size of Texas, it's about time we open our eyes to this problem.



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BAN PLASTIC BOTTLED WATER:

Across all
Washington
Community
and Technical
Colleges!

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The buying and selling of disposable bottled water makes a basic human necessity a commodity to be bought, sold, and traded for an elevated price. And in turn, part of our clean water supply is stocked on a shelf waiting to be purchased instead of flowing from our household taps for a minimal cost. We have made a basic human necessity a luxury item for no reason.

There is a huge environmental impact from production. Every ton of PET plastic used to create the bottles produces 3 tons of carbon, adding 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions to the 17 million barrels of oil also used in production.

A four-year study by the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) released in 1999, found that one-fifth of the sampled bottled waters contained known neurotoxins and carcinogens such as styrene, toluene, and xylene. Another NRDC study found that, out of 103 brands of bottled water, one-third contained traces of arsenic and E. coli. This means that out of a sample of 1,000 bottles sold in the United States, at least 300 would have some level of chemical contamination.

It's ironic. In many parts of the world, there is no clean drinking water. Here in the United States, pure, drinkable water flows out of every tap, and yet Americans buy a staggering amount of bottled water. We pay big bucks for it too – more than \$15 billion a year.

