

## Bottled Water Facts

Do you know... ?

1. Nine out of ten plastic water bottles end up as garbage or litter.
2. Plastic water bottles clog landfills and litter the landscape.
3. Toxins in the plastic can leach into groundwater.

- Additional Information at:

<http://www.yesmagazine.org/article.asp?ID=671>

<http://www.prcweb.org>

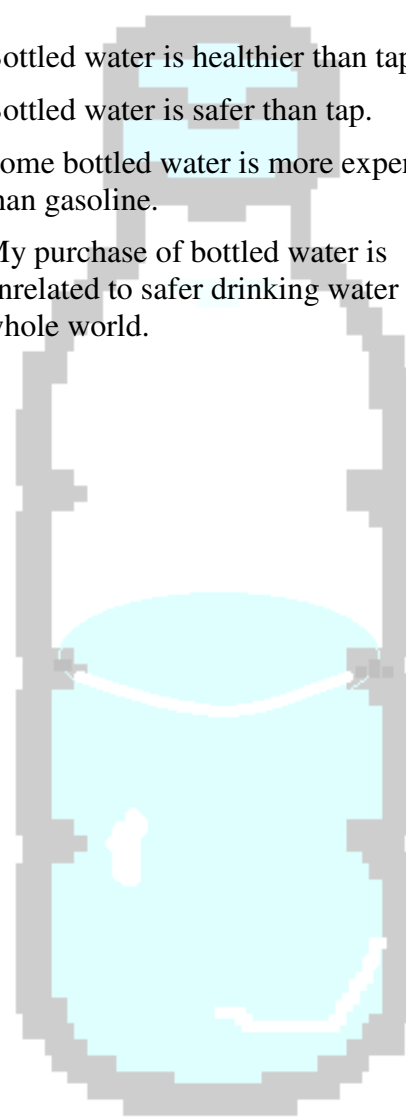
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# Overcome The Bottled Water Habit

## Bottled Water Quiz

True or False

1. Bottled water is healthier than tap.
2. Bottled water is safer than tap.
3. Some bottled water is more expensive than gasoline.
4. My purchase of bottled water is unrelated to safer drinking water for the whole world.



Turn over for answers to quiz.

## Bottled Water Answers

1. False. There is often no difference. Except in emergency and special health circumstances. Little is known about the risk of water stored in disposable plastic bottles.
2. False. The USEPA sets more stringent standards for tap water than the FDA does for bottled beverages.
3. True. Often selling for up to \$2.50/liter (\$10.00/gallon), bottled water is more expensive.
4. False. The UN estimates that if the \$100 billion spent on bottled water were spent on water infrastructure and treatment, everyone in the world could have access to clean drinking water.

### Activities

Take a water audit quiz at

[www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org)

### Resources

Visit

<http://www.wateruseitwisely.com>

[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

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God's Command  
was to tend  
The Garden  
*Genesis 2:13*

# Water

## Conserving & Preserving



## Meditation

Leader: WATER!  
People: Universal solvent, mixer and cleanser  
Leader: The precious gift of God  
People: WATER!  
Leader: Home to fish and sea creatures beyond number.  
People: The precious gift of God.  
Leader: WATER!  
People: Avenues of travel and commerce.  
Leader: The precious gift of God.  
People: WATER!  
Leader: Source of life-giving rain, ice, snow and stream.  
People: The precious gift of God.  
Leader: WATER!  
People: Quenching the thirst of plant, people and animals and making up 70% of our bodies.  
Leader: The precious gift of God.  
People: WATER!  
Leader: United with wind to give us a constant source of rich soil.  
People: The precious gift of God.  
Leader: WATER!  
People: Baptized and commissioned into service of God's good earth.  
All: Thanks for the precious gift of water.

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## Living Waters The Gift of Life

There is now a growing concern about available water in New Jersey.

Religious leaders and members of churches have a responsibility to address this eco-justice issue of clean water for all.



*Great Falls of the Passaic, Paterson NJ*

## Water Conservation at Religious Institutions

1. Install faucet flow restrictors.
2. Reduce water heater temperature.
3. Install water efficient equipment.
4. Practice green landscaping.

- Additional information at EPA's water sense: Efficiency Made Easy web page:  
<http://www.epa.gov/watersense>  
Rutgers: <http://rcre.rutgers.edu/county>



## Water Conservation at Home

1. Stop leaks and inspect water irrigation systems.
  2. Install insulation blanket on older water heaters.
  3. Install water efficient appliances and fixtures.
  4. Plant more native plants.
- Additional information at:  
[www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org)  
<http://www.h2ouse.org>



### Instructions to Find Specific Information From a Large Website Address

Start with the basic address and log into the website. Forget about the other parts of the address until the website is open.

Ex. [www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org)- After opening into the website, every forward slash is a direction to find the next subordinate topic (words or icon). Click on it. Follow the topic order in the address to reach the end of the address. Parts of the address could be on one page (clicking on column items or icons), or may automatically be on a succeeding page.