



10 STARTLING FACTS ABOUT BOTTLED WATER

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- 1.) Only 1 in 5 plastic bottles are [recycled](#)
- 2.) Americans consume over [8.6 billion gallons](#) of bottled water
- 3.) Most tap water is more heavily tested and regulated than bottled water
- 4.) Plastic water bottles can take between 400 and 1,000 years to [decompose](#)
- 5.) It requires [3 times](#) the amount of water to produce a plastic bottle than it does to fill it
- 6.) Bottled water costs over [1,000+ times](#) more than tap water
- 7.) Last year, the average American used [167 water bottles](#), but only recycled 38
- 8.) In many taste tests, tap water was preferred over bottled water
- 9.) The NRDC conducted a comprehensive [four-year scientific study](#) of 1,000 brands of bottled water. The results showed that one third of the bottled waters violated their own industry standards for water quality
- 10.) It takes 17 million barrels of oil to produce plastic bottles yearly. This could fuel 1 million cars for a year