7 Interesting Facts about Bottled and Tap Water

1. It takes 3 liters of water to produce 1 liter of bottled water.

2. In the U.S., more than 30 billion plastic water bottles end up as garbage or litter each year.

3. In 2006, more than 900,000 tons of plastic was used to package 8 billion gallons of bottled water.

4. Bottled water can cost 500 to 4,000 times more than tap water.

5. For the price of a single, 20-ounce bottle of water, you could fill up the same container with tap water once a day for more than 13 years.

6. Municipal water requires only a little energy to pump the water through pipes to our homes.

7. The Pacific Institute estimates that production of bottled water for U.S. consumption in 2006 required the equivalent of more than 17 million barrels of oil, not including the energy used for transportation.

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