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Bottled Water or Tap? Just the Facts

Last year, Americans consumed nearly 54 million liters of bottled water. We buy flavored water, water with electrolytes, so-called “purified” water and even rainwater in a bottle. Have you ever stopped to consider how much time and money is spent on bottled water, or even how much plastic waste is produced? And is it really healthier for us, or just marketing hype?

In the vast majority of cases, bottled water and tap water are equally safe, healthy choices. Tap water in the U.S. is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Safe Drinking Water Act, enacted to ensure the quality of public drinking water systems. This law requires that water suppliers regularly test their water supply, conducting thousands of analyses each year to verify that the public water supply meets

federal water quality standards.

When your water supplier meets these strict standards for tap water — as we do at Aqua Water Supply — you can have a high degree of confidence in the safety of water from the tap. In fact, some of the largest distributors of bottled water use municipal water as their source, with more than half of all bottled water coming from the tap.

While the EPA is in charge of regulating tap water, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates bottled water, since bottled water is considered a packaged food product. However, the FDA requires bottled water quality standards to be equal to

those standards set for tap water. So, it's not surprising that many experts say that tap water in the U.S. is typically just as good as bottled water.

At the end of the day, there are a variety of reasons why people may choose to buy bottled water. But the belief that bottled water is generally healthier is actually a misconception. And considering that bottled water can cost more than \$9 per gallon, compared to fractions of a penny for a gallon of tap water, our national love affair with bottled water is a rather pricey infatuation.



For Your Information...

Please note: Aqua Water Supply Corporation is not affiliated with Aqua World Systems, a company that sells water filtration systems. We are aware that Aqua World Systems has been contacting residents in the Aqua service area, offering to test members' water and then presenting their water filtration systems for purchase.

Rest assured that water received from Aqua Water Supply is safe and free from any harmful contaminants. The water supplied by Aqua Water Supply is routinely tested in accordance with state and federal requirements; therefore, further testing is not necessary.

If you should have any questions or concerns about your water supply, please feel free to contact the Aqua office at (512) 303-3943.

Community Happenings

Sacred Heart Spring Festival

Sunday, May 19, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockne. A lunch of fried chicken, sausage and trimmings will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Games, refreshments and other booths open at noon. Bingo from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

McDade Watermelon Festival

Saturday, July 13, in McDade. Car show, arts & crafts, horseshoe pitching, seed spitting contest, food and live music. Grand parade starts at 10:30 a.m. Riding mower rodeo at 3 p.m. Prize melon auction at 5 p.m. For more information, visit: www.mcdadetexas.com.

Bastrop County Audubon Society

Meetings held third Tuesday of the month (excluding July & August) in Community Room of the First National Bank at 489 Texas 71 W., Bastrop. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.; please arrive by 6:45 p.m. Visit www.bastropcountyaudubon.org.

Bastrop VFW Post 12104

Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month, temporarily, at the Bastrop American Legion, 3003 E Loop 150, at 2:00 p.m.

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1st Friday Fish Fry 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Free Texas Hold'em game starts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday Bingo doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Games at 7:30 p.m. Friday Karaoke starts at 8:00 p.m.

Ernest Bartsch VFW 2527, Rockne

Post and Auxiliary meetings are held the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Bingo Wednesday – Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Games start at 7:30 p.m. Located at 1503 FM 20 in Rockne, 10 miles SW of Bastrop. Hall for rent; call (512) 321-2610 for information.

Lost Pines Leathernecks Detachment 1384

Marine Corps League in Bastrop County meets third Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Bastrop American Legion Post. Good meal following meeting provided by members.

Bastrop County Veterans Honor Guard

Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the Smithville VFW at 10 a.m. "We served with honor" now "We honor those who served."



***Please Note:** The Aqua Water Supply customer newsletter is published 4 times per year. To submit Community Announcements for publication in an upcoming quarterly issue, please send your news in writing to the main Aqua office or via email info@aquawsc.com by the fifth day of January, April, July or October.

A Guide to Smart Watering

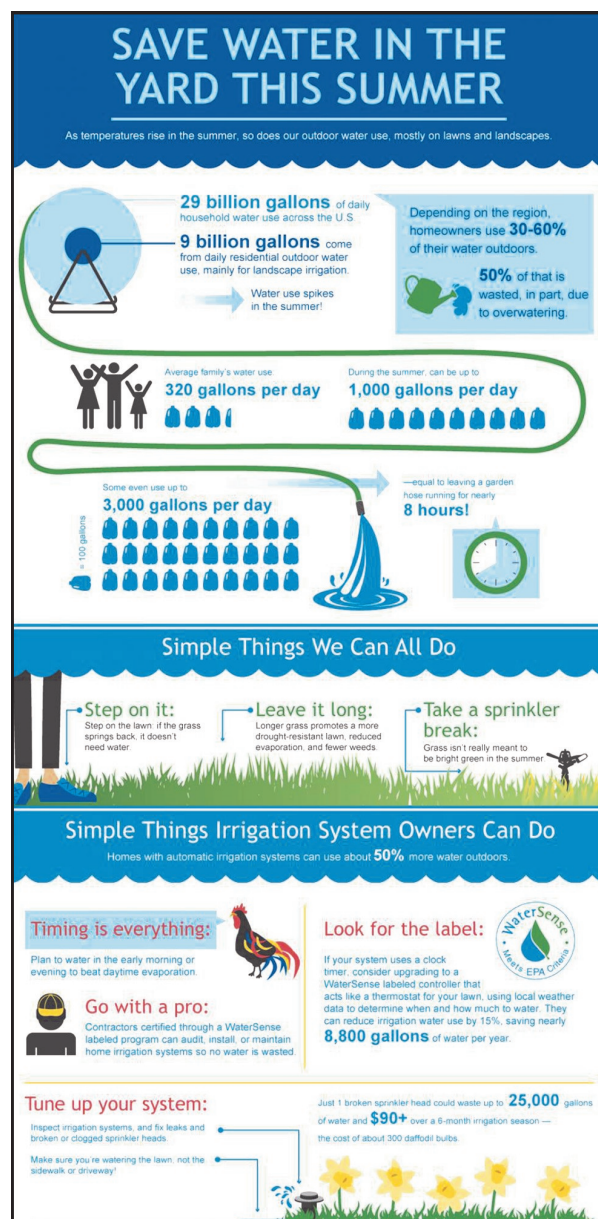
Did you know that outdoor residential water use in the U.S. accounts for more than 9 billion gallons of water each day? In fact, the average household uses more water outdoors than for showering and washing clothes combined. A large part of that water is used for landscape irrigation.

Yet, it's estimated that as much as 50 percent of this water is wasted due to overwatering, caused by inefficient irrigation methods and systems. The latest irrigation control technologies can help reduce overwatering by applying water only when plants need it. Replace your standard irrigation clock timer with a newer, more water-efficient controller and save nearly 7,600 gallons of water per year.

WaterSense labeled irrigation controllers act like a thermostat for your sprinkler system, telling it when to turn on and off. These devices use local weather and landscape conditions to determine your yard's watering needs based on actual conditions, instead of irrigating with a clock and a preset schedule.

In this way, watering schedules are tailored to better match plants' water needs. With proper installation, programming and maintenance, homeowners and businesses can use WaterSense labeled controllers on their existing systems, and no longer worry about wasted water. Now that's smart watering.

For more information, visit: www.epa.gov/watersense/ irrigation-controllers.



Aqua Scholarship Reminder

Don't forget! The deadline to apply for the annual Ernest W. Bracewell, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Program is the end of this month. The Aqua scholarship application and guidelines can be obtained from the business office located at 415 Old Austin Highway in Bastrop, or through

Aqua's website, www.aquawsc.com.

Completed application forms must be submitted by May 31, along with proof of GPA, two letters of recommendation, proof of citizenship, and a personal essay for review by the Aqua scholarship committee.

Good luck to all applicants!



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Free automated phone payment and online bill pay are available 24/7. You can pay with all major credit cards, E-Check or automatic bank draft.

Payment by phone: Call Aqua at (512) 303-3943 and select option 5 — the interactive voice response system will guide you through the process.

Online: Visit www.aquawsc.com and select Pay My Bill. You will be redirected to a secure website with instructions for payment.

Automatic bank draft: Complete a Bank Authorization form, available from our office or website, and return the completed form to our office with a voided check.

Go Green: To start receiving an e-bill please email a request along with your 10-digit Aqua account number to: ebilling@aquawsc.com.

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CALL AQUA BEFORE YOU DIG:

Aqua Water will locate the Aqua water lines for you. Calling for a line locate before any type of excavation is a good idea. Water loss and service interruptions from damaged lines are avoidable, please call the Aqua office: (512) 303-3943.