

# WATER RESOURCE GUIDE

## Did you know?

Bottled water contains 200% more microplastics than our clean Tahoe Tap water! (Source: Tahoe Water Suppliers Association)

Microplastics from bottled water get into our bodies resulting in negative health impacts.

Go the extra mile for your community and draw in customers by providing and advertising a water bottle refill station at your business. Learn more and how to get up to a 50% reimbursement here: [tinyurl.com/TahoeRefill](http://tinyurl.com/TahoeRefill).



## Best option for in-restaurant dining

**Reusables** should be the top priority and offer water “only upon request.” Options for reusables include:

- Glassware
- Stainless steel pint glasses
- Aluminum solo cups

Place a water jug on the table with reusable cups or provide water dispensers and reusable cups in an easily accessible place. Water dispensers range from simple water jugs to plumbed faucets that start as low as \$25 (Google “countertop water dispenser”).



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## Always avoid

**Plastic** for indoor OR outdoor dining.

**Plastic bottles.** These are rarely recycled and break down into microplastics that persist in our environment.

**Other containers with plastic components.** Boxes and cartons of water often contain plastic liners or caps to ensure the paper stays waterproof and fully sealed. These are not recyclable in Tahoe.

**Discouragement.** Encourage guests to refill bottles at by installing a refill station, water dispenser, or happily filling their bottle in a kitchen or sink.



## Best option for to-go and retail sales

It's easy to avoid plastic for to-go beverages (water and other non-alcoholic) and packaged water.

**Buy glass or aluminum bottles** and fill them up (less than \$1 each and Tahoe Tap is free).

**Sell plastic-free water bottles** (metal or glass) with your brand on them.

**Encourage customers to refill their own water bottles** and provide tap water in an easy-accessible water dispenser, from the kitchen, or sink for free. Thank guests for helping reduce waste and drinking Tahoe Tap!

**Pre-filled aluminum water bottles** such as the Mananalu brand.

For more information, and to view alternative resources, visit [keptahoebblue.org/stop-litter](http://keptahoebblue.org/stop-litter) or scan the QR code. Send us a question: [info@keptahoebblue.org](mailto:info@keptahoebblue.org)



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