

Draft Western Washington University Bottled Water Free Commitment Policy

This policy applies to the entire WWU community.

1. **Western Washington University is committed to a comprehensive waste reduction program.**

In accordance to language originally in section 2 of the Waste Reduction and Recycling POL-U5950.09.

2. **Western Washington University's Bottled Water Free Commitment requires that, subject to certain circumstances listed below, the purchase, sale, or distribution of single use bottled water shall not be permitted on campus including the sale of Vitaminwater, Propel, Flavorsplash, and other flavored water products.**

Definition: **Single use bottled water:** a water beverage that is sold, stored, or otherwise distributed within single use plastic bottles that are less than or equal to 68 ounces in capacity, including enhanced water.

Exceptions:

1. Bottled water may be stored as a matter of emergency preparedness.
2. This policy does not apply during states of emergency.
3. Sports drinks shall not be included in the ban. Sports drinks are defined as a soft drink designed or marketed for consumption in conjunction with sporting activity or strenuous exercise, and which typically contains electrolytes such as sodium, potassium, and chloride, and a high percentage of sugar to restore energy.
4. Soft drinks shall not be included in the ban. Soft drinks are defined as any nonalcoholic drink that is carbonated.
5. This policy shall not apply to campus buildings where it becomes prohibitive to install drinking fountains or hydration stations.

3. **This ban shall cover all buildings and property located within the University campus, including possible future extended campuses.**

4. **If water is to be supplied at a campus event, including auxiliary events, it cannot be contained in a disposable plastic bottle.**

5. **Newly enrolled students and their families shall be notified prior to the start of their first quarter of Western's Bottled Water Free Commitment Policy either by email or letter.**

6. The University's construction standards shall reference this policy and ensure that all new facilities are provisioned with ADA accessible water bottle refill stations.
7. New or renewed contracts or business arrangements covering the sale of food or beverages shall explicitly reference this policy and explicitly restrict the sale of bottled water within campus facilities.
8. The university will disallow future advertising of bottled water products on campus-owned property.

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