





**BOTTLED WATER— Do we need it?**

Bottled Water **costs** more than **\$1.50** per bottle.



That is **1,900 times** the price of tap water!



Which means **Bad News** for your...



## Wallet

As an average US citizen spends over **\$400** every year on bottled water.



## Health

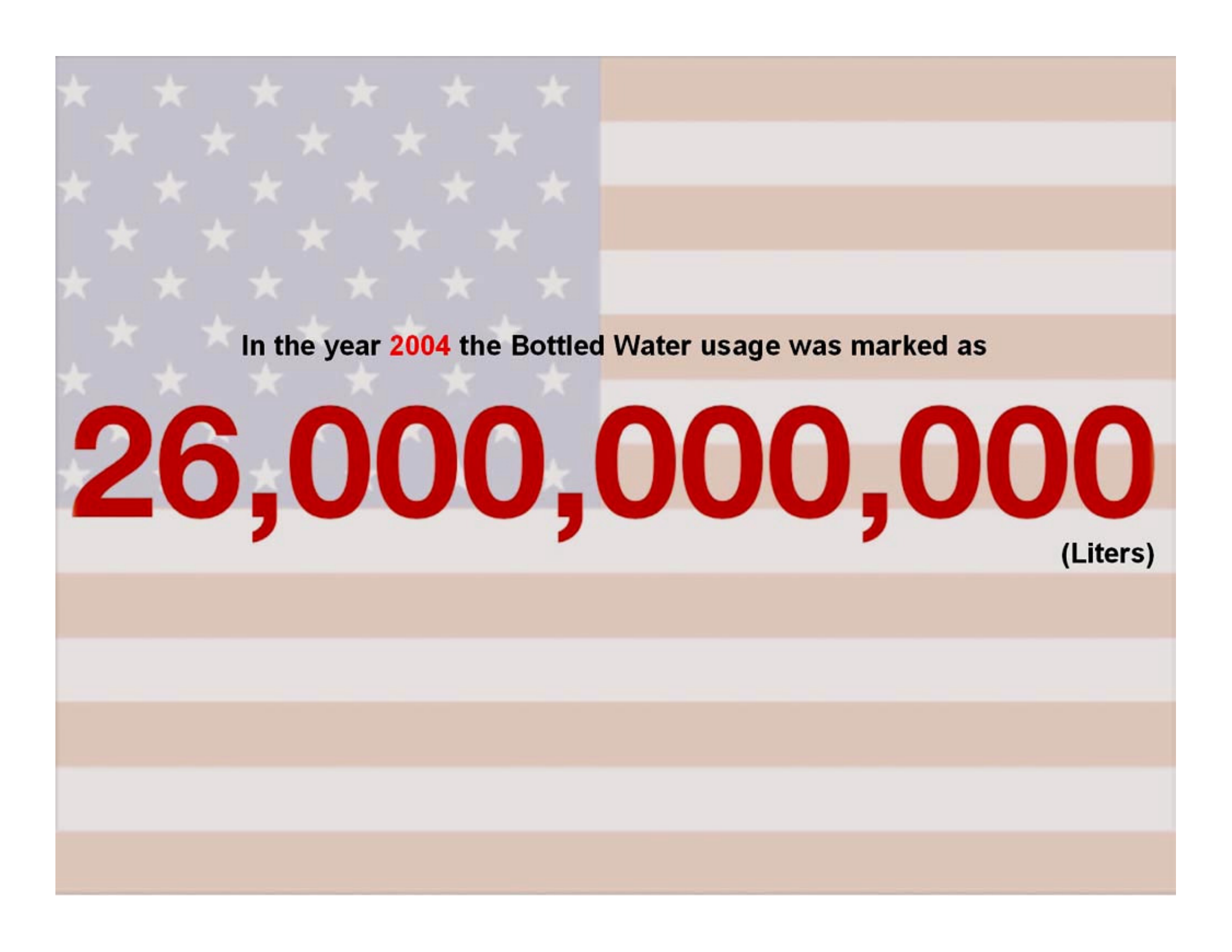
Which can be damaged by toxic chemicals like **Bisphenol-A (BPA)**, leached from bottled water.

\*\*BPA intake can also cause **Cancerous Cells** in your body.



## Environment

Which is **Tainted** by the Production, Transportation, Packaging and Disposal of plastic **Bottled Water**.

The background of the entire image is a stylized American flag. The top-left corner features a blue field with white stars, while the rest of the image is filled with horizontal stripes in shades of tan and light beige.

In the year **2004** the Bottled Water usage was marked as

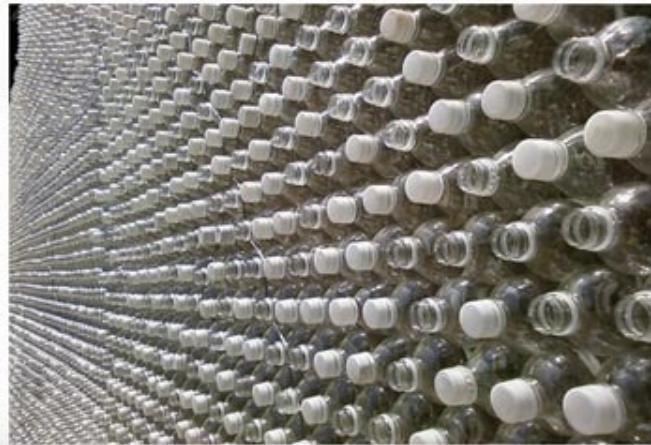
**26,000,000,000**

(Liters)

**26,000,000,000** liters is



Nearly **28,000,000,000** Plastic Bottles in a year.



Of which **86%** that end up as garbage.



**\*1,500** water  
bottles end  
up as garbage

**every second!**



\*according to environmental think tank the [Earth Policy Institute](#) (EPI)

**26,000,000,000** liters means

**17,000,000** barrels of oil that was used to produce those plastic bottles.



That oil could have been enough to fuel about **100,000** cars for that year.







**26,000,000,000** liters also contributes to

An addition of **2,500,000** tons of **carbon dioxide** that was produced in the manufacturing of the plastic bottle.





**AND ...**



**\$ 100,000,000,000\***

**One Hundred Billion Dollars**

That is spent every year by Consumers on **Bottled Water**.  
An amount like this even makes the **Federal Bailout**  
amount look small...

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Research shows that for a fraction of the amount,  
**Everyone on the Planet**  
could have safe drinking water and proper sanitation.



**Think you can help?**



If you only drink **Bottled water**?

Are you sure you know all the facts about bottled water?

**IF YOU DON'T THAN LETS JUST SAY YOU ARE IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE**

You spend the **Money...**

You pollute the **Earth...**

**Risk polluting the \*Aquifer and other water bodies...**

All for **Bottled Water!?**

Survey shows that **35%** of **bottled water** drinkers  
think that it is safer than **Tap water**



**\*Aquifer** is an underground layer of water-bearing permeable rock from which groundwater can be usefully extracted using a water well.



**Photo of Pacific Ocean**  
Year 2004



Photo taken in Los Angeles, California





Do you keep your bottled water in your cars?



You thought it was convenient, didn't you?

**But did you know...**

That the heat in the car and the plastic of the bottle can leach out chemicals that can lead to **Breast** and other types of **Cancers** .



And even though **You** might not have kept it in the **Car**,  
Do you know what **extreme temperatures** it has been through  
Before **You** bought it?

Stored in warehouses  
Temperatures vary from  
**26F to 85F**



Transported in trucks  
Temperatures vary from  
**100F to 150F**



Loaded and unloaded  
Temperatures vary from  
**45F to 100F**



Taken to local stores  
Temperatures vary from  
**55F to 100F**

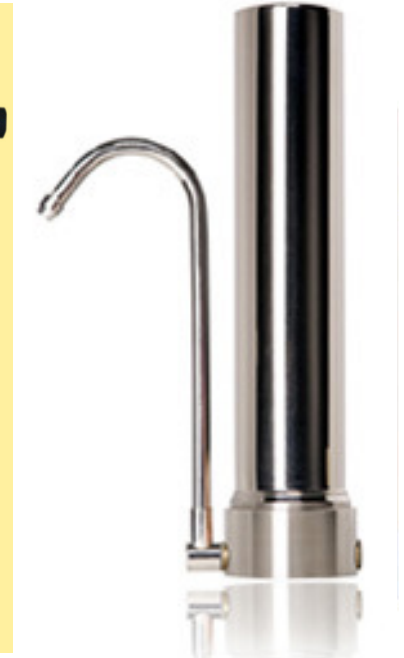
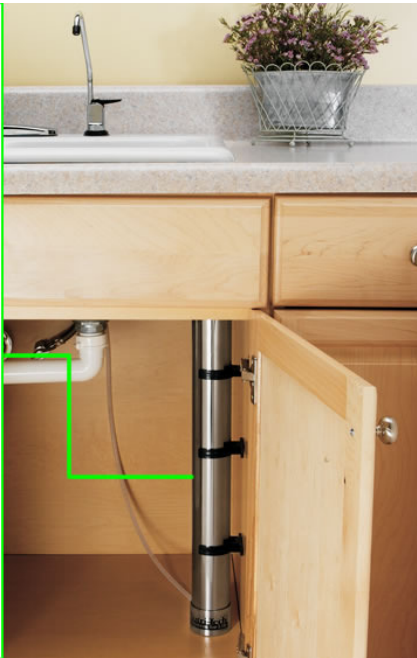
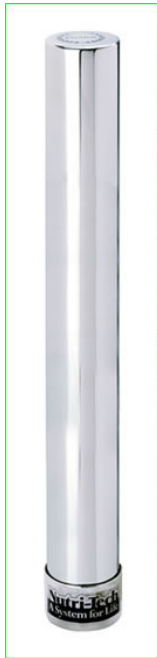


Finally to You





No matter which one you choose when you think of when **Going Green**



Ditching bottled water keeps **Mother Earth** and your wallet **Green**.



## Source of Information

<http://www.belkraft.com>

<http://www.earth911.com/>

<http://www.earth-policy.org>

<http://us.oneworld.net/>

<http://www.commondreams.org/>

<http://www.webmd.com/>

<http://www.filterforgood.com/>

This is a **Paperless** message...Forwarding it would be **Free**  
And if even **1 person** stops using Bottled water.  
**200** less bottles would end up in the garbage this year.

For more info on bottled water go to; [http://www.belkraft.com/water\\_education\\_articles.htm#bottled](http://www.belkraft.com/water_education_articles.htm#bottled)