



Alternatives to Bottled Water

****When I / we stop using bottled water, what are the possible alternatives? ****

- 1) Purchase or make reusable water bottles available for your group or department (stainless steel canteens for example):
 - Mountain Equipment Coop sells Guyot canteens which are stainless steel and the company assures fair wages to employees producing the bottles in China
- 2) Purchase a few glasses and water jugs to be used for speakers, events and meetings.
- 3) For small events, on-campus cafeterias may be able to lend you a few plastic glasses and jugs:
 - Creelman (ext.53040)
 - Mountain Hall (ext. 56227/52809)
 - Centre 6 (ext. 53029)
- 4) For larger events, Hospitality services can offer water in a large canister. Call the Catering Manager (ext. 53350).
- 5) For very large outdoor events, a milk tanker filled with municipal water can be arranged with Wark Milk Transport Ltd.
 - Tanks filled from City of Guelph sources
 - Water quality tested to ensure safety
 - Tank is well insulated, keeping the water cool
 - Estimated costs:
 - 60\$/day for the use of truck
 - 250\$ to fill a tank to 10'000L (max 15 000L)
 - Potential labour costs for manning the truck during service (free if volunteers do this job)
 - **Contact: Wark Milk Transport Ltd.,** RR2, Port Elgin ON, N0H 2C6
Phone: 519-389-6914, email: t.wark@bmts.com
- 6) Most campus buildings have outdoor water hookups. Contact the Grounds Department (John Reinhart, Manager) at ext.52053 to determine which is closest to your outdoor event. These water sources are all potable, but you may need to buy your own small hose to ensure water quality is maintained. You may borrow canteens from Hospitality Services or purchase your own.
- 7) Across campus there are housekeeping closets with large sinks in them. These sinks are appropriate for filling or refilling large water canteens for indoor events. If you are interested in this option, please contact the Sustainability Program at least a week in advance for assistance. Call ext. 58129 or sustain@ioguelph.ca.