



# IVGID PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

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## DRINK TAHOE TAP! THE BEST REASONS TO DRINK TAP WATER:

### QUALITY:

Fed solely by rain and snowmelt, Tahoe's water is considered a pristine source, so much so, that many area water providers are required to disinfect, but not filter the water. Your local tap water is strictly regulated by the US EPA to protect public health. The US EPA requires extensive and frequent testing, with lab results sent to state and federal water regulators every month.

Compare that to bottled water, which is regulated by the FDA. The FDA testing requirements are *nowhere* near as stringent as tap water testing. Did you know that 40% of the standard bottled water on the market is simply drawn from a municipal tap, re-filtered, packaged and transported hundreds of miles? Why pay for a process that is expensive and bad for the environment? You can easily buy a water filter for your home or travels. Water filters remove many contaminants and will address concerns about taste, odor, or if you have old pipes in your home.

### PRICE:

Your local Tap water is a great value. A gallon of local tap water costs less than half a cent. Compare that bottled water at \$2 to \$10 a gallon. That's between 240 to 10,000 times more expensive, per gallon, for bottled water.

### REDUCE WASTE:

Americans consume bottled water at the rate of 1,500 bottles per second! That's 1.3 million bottles a day! Only 20% of these bottles get recycled. Our communities then have to deal with increased costs of bottled water entering the waste stream. Fill a glass with Tahoe Tap and you have none of this waste.

### SO IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE TO LOVE YOUR LOCAL WATER!

You can take action, TODAY:

1. Don't buy bottled water, except for emergency needs.
2. Do everything you can to protect Lake Tahoe's watershed. This means things like: picking up after your dog, being water wise in your home and landscaping, ditching the garden fertilizers, completing required BMPs, never dumping hazardous material on the ground, and supporting the boat inspection process to keep invasive species out of Tahoe.



### IVGID PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE CLOSED:

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

**IVGID PUBLIC WORKS IS AVAILABLE 24/7  
TO RESPOND TO WATER/SEWER  
EMERGENCIES.  
CALL 775-832-1203**

### **HHW & E-WASTE DROP-OFF**

**HOURS FEB. 1-OCT. 31:**

**TUES & THURS 3-5 PM**

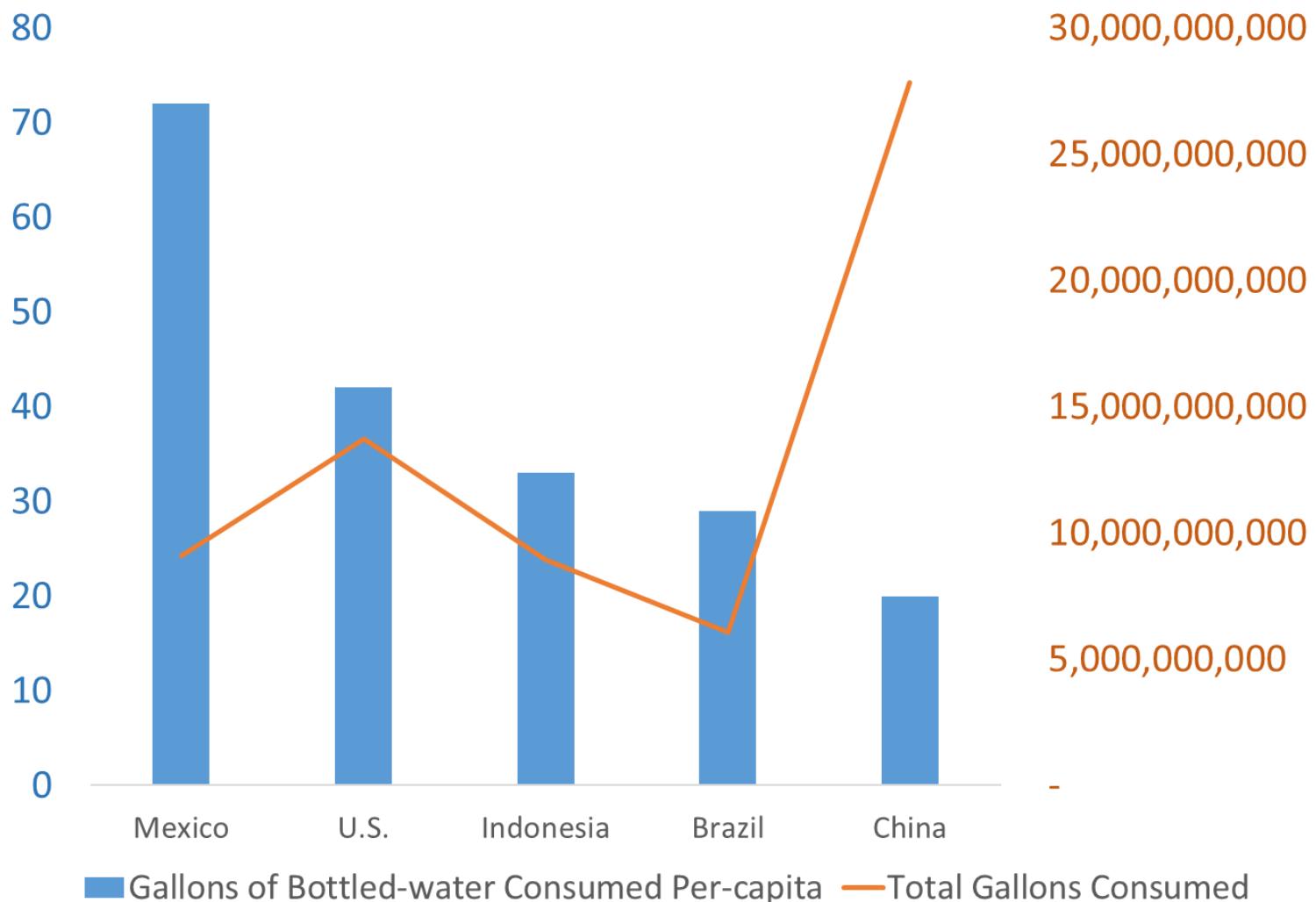
**WINTER HOURS NOV. 1-JAN. 31:**

**TUES & THURS 3-4:30 PM**

**SITE WILL BE CLOSED  
DURING SEVERE WEATHER**

# WORLDWIDE BOTTLED WATER USE

## 2018 Statistics



## WATER EFFICIENT APPLIANCE REBATE

The first 100 applications for high efficiency appliances are eligible for one rebate per parcel, up to \$100 credit towards their IVGID utility bill. High-efficiency appliances eligible for the rebate include WaterSense toilets using 1.28 gallons of water per flush, or Energy Star washing machines that have a water factor of 3.7 or less.

Applicants must fill out and submit to IVGID Waste Not:

1. The High-Efficiency Appliance application
2. A copy of the original receipt (dated on/after July 1. 2019 and before June 30, 2020)
3. A photo of the installed appliance with model number.

The rebate application is available on our website:

<https://www.yourtahoeplace.com/public-works/water/water-conservation>

Questions? Call IVGID Waste Not at (775) 832-1284 or email: [wastenot@ivgid.org](mailto:wastenot@ivgid.org)

**IN ORDER TO REDUCE PROPERTY DAMAGE...  
REMEMBER TO TURN OFF YOUR WATER EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE!**

Visit the winterization information on our website: [www.yourtahoeplace.com/public-works/water/winterization](https://www.yourtahoeplace.com/public-works/water/winterization)