

US town bans bottled water

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A bottle of Dasani water sits on the floor of a recycling facility in San Francisco, California, on March 15, 2011. A law passed by a town in Massachusetts goes into effect with the New Year, making single-serving bottles of water illegal.

Water, water everywhere—just not in plastic bottles, says a town in the US state of Massachusetts.

A law passed by the town of Concord went into effect with the New Year, making single-serving bottles of water illegal.

The ban is intended to encourage use of [tap water](#) and curb the worldwide problem of [plastic pollution](#).

It only applies to "non-sparkling, unflavored drinking water." Coke or other [soft drinks](#) are exempt.

Jean Hill, an 84-year-old activist, thought up the ban, arguing that bottles fill garbage dumps, while consumers are lured into drinking water they could obtain for a tiny fraction of the cost at their own sink.

"The bottled water companies are draining our aquifers and selling it back to us. I'm going to work until I drop on this," Hill told The New York Times in 2010.

First time offenders get a warning. Anyone caught selling the banned bottles a second time will be fined \$25, and \$50 thereafter.

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