Comparison of Drinking Water Costs at Tufts

Notes:
• PS = Poland Springs, Tufts current water solutions partner
• 2011 prices
## Cost for 750 gallons of water*

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*750 gallons would provide 1 liter of water per day to each person in a 12 person office for one year (work days only).

**Example** (Tisch College):
Yearly costs:
Bottled Water = $720
Filtration System = $384
Savings per year = about $336, almost 50%
Annual cost of drinking water in an average Tufts office*

*assumes 1 liter per person in a 12 person office

If your office uses more than 5 bottles/mo then it’s cheaper to switch to a filtered system.
EA Survey Results 2008-’09/10

Number of respondents

tap water concerns

- Will drink tap water
- Will drink filtered tap water
- Use own bottle
- Bacteria or viruses
- Lead
- Worried about building’s pipes
- Other heavy metals
- Pharmaceuticals
- Other contaminants
- I don’t like the taste of tap water
- Bottled water is more convenient
- Bottled water is the only water available
- Everyone else drinks bottled water
- Bottled water is dirty/disgusting
- I want hot/cold water
- The drinking fountains/kitchens are dirty/disgusting
- I don’t want to fill up my reusable water bottle in the bathroom
- I don’t want to spend time refilling Brita pitcher
- Delay in reporting municipal water problems to public
- Geology
- UA
- Inst. Research
- CIS
- Other staff
- Students

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Which do you prefer?