

Part 4: Are You a Sucker for Bottled Water?

Tap vs. Bottled Water: Rules & Regulations



**Village of Paw Paw Water
Regulated by the EPA**
(Environmental Protection Agency)

**Bottled Water
Regulated by the FDA**
(Food and Drug Administration)

Cannot have confirmed detects of E. coli or fecal Coliform bacteria.	A certain amount of any bacteria is allowable without action being taken.
Disinfected.	No federal filtration or disinfection requirements.
Your tap does not come with a label about its product output – We haven't quite figured out how to pull that off yet!	The label must include: the class of water, the volume and the manufacturer.
The Village of Paw Paw must have its water tested by certified labs. The Village of Paw Paw uses Kar Labs and RTI Labs. The Village also has its own certified lab for some testing.	Not a requirement for bottled water.
Tap water results must be reported to state or federal officials.	There are no reporting requirements at this time.
Water Systems must have a person of Direct Responsible Charge (DRC) who must be certified.	There are no certification requirements for bottled water plant operators.
Water suppliers must issue consumer confidence reports, annually.	There are no public right-to-know requirements for bottlers.
The cost of Village of Paw Paw tap water is pennies per day, on average.	Costs \$.80 to \$4.00 per gallon, on average.
Chlorine residual is put in water to disinfect the water and to prevent bacteria growth.	There is no disinfectant present to kill bacteria in bottles.
Only comes in "tap" flavored. Just plain ole' H2O.	Comes in exotic flavors like strawberry-mango and some even has additives like extra oxygen - but then, does that still make it water?

Bottom Line: Paw Paw water is safe for you and your family!