

# Part 5: Are You a Sucker for Bottled Water?

## Break the Bottled Water Habit



**Buying bottled water is a costly ‘habit.’ How much money would you save if you broke the bottled water habit? Here’s an example...**

1. How many 16 oz. bottles of water you drink in an average week? 5
2. Okay, multiply that by 52 weeks in a year. ( $52 \times 5 = 260$  16 oz. bottles of water)
3. Great. Now let’s assume a 16 oz. bottle of water costs \$1.50 each. If you drink 260 bottles of water in a year it cost you ( $260 \times \$1.50$ ) \$390.
4. Wow. Now lets figure how many gallons of water that is. 260 bottles times 16 oz equals 4,160 ounces of water. Since there are 128 fluid ounces in a gallon, we divide 4,160 by 128 to find out how many gallons of bottled water you drink in a year. It works out to 32.5 gallons of water you purchased for the \$390.

**Do you really want to pay \$12 a gallon for water just because it comes in a fancy bottle with a pretty picture on it?**

*We won’t even mention the extra cost of driving to the store to buy the water!*

Let’s compare this to cost of Paw Paw tap water. Paw Paw’s water cost \$0.003765 for a gallon of water. That is less than 1 cent for a gallon of water or about 2.8 gallons for 1 penny. The cost for 32.5 gallons of water from your faucet would cost 12.24 cents.

**Hmmmm... You spent \$390 for bottled water at a store when you could have spent 12 and ¼ cents getting water from your faucet.**

**Now, To do your own calculations use this math...**

1. Number of 16 ounce bottles purchased in a year. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Multiply the number of bottles by 16 to get the total ounces. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Multiply the number of bottles by \$1.50 to get your total cost. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Divide the total ounces by 128 to get the total number of gallons. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Multiply the total number of gallons by the cost of a gallon of Paw Paw water - \$0.003765 – to get the cost for the same number of gallons. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Subtract line 5 from line 3 to determine what you would have saved if you filled up your bottles from your faucet. \_\_\_\_\_