



Blue Ridge SuN is the monthly newsletter from the Sustainability Committee.

## BREAK THE BOTTLED WATER HABIT

### AMERICANS CONSUME 31.2 BILLION LITERS OF BOTTLED WATER A YEAR

Manufacturing those bottles requires 900,000 tons of plastic, the equivalent of more than 17 million barrels of oil, and emits more than 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide.

Put another way, the entire energy costs of the lifecycle of a bottle of water is equivalent, on average, to filling up a quarter of each bottle with oil. (Pacific Institute).

**The most amazing fact of all: At least 40 percent of bottled water is tap water anyway!!**

Follow this link for a great video on the Story of Bottled Water: <http://storyofstuff.org/bottledwater/>

Source: [Brighterplanet.com](http://Brighterplanet.com)

### Upcoming BRCC Sustainability Events

Campus-wide Sustainability Contest this Winter - stay tuned for details!

#### Don't Forget to Drink Sustainably

Bring in your BRCC Insulated Tumbler or BRCC Stainless Travel Mug (On Sale at the Bookstore) and Receive 25% off drinks and free refills!

