



# Nestlé Waters North America's Environmental Commitment

Nestlé Waters North America Inc. (NWNA) sells 15 popular regional and international bottled water brands in the U.S. Central to all our actions is our credo of “respect for each other, respect for the environment and respect for the community.” Over the last 10 years, this credo has guided our business practices and helped us to become a leader in conserving natural resources and minimizing waste through:

## ***Innovative environmental manufacturing facilities***

- We were the first U.S. food and beverage manufacturer to design and build a manufacturing facility that qualified for U.S. Green Building Council LEED status
- Five NWNA plants are now LEED certified; others are in development



- NWNA is a leading U.S. manufacturer in LEED plants
- Environmental benefits since 2002 include: water conservation (nine million gallons); energy conservation (1.5 million kWh); emissions reduction (2.1 million pounds CO<sub>2</sub>); waste reduction (216 million pounds); healthy workplaces; open space preservation; native plantings; constructed wetlands

## ***Reduced plastic and packaging materials***

- NWNA eliminated 245 million pounds of plastic per year from our bottles over the past decade
- We developed clear, light-weight caps to remove over one million pounds from our waste streams in 2006

## ***Land and natural resource stewardship***

- Ten on-staff professional geologists monitor our spring water sources and manage for sustainability
- NWNA owns more than 12,000 acres of natural lands, which provide watershed protection, wildlife habitat and open space
- We invest \$8 million annually to maintain and protect spring sites and watersheds in our communities

## ***Efficient use of water***

- NWNA uses only 1.3 gallons of water to produce one gallon of spring water, compared to three gallons of water for one gallon of soda; four gallons of water for one pound of hamburger; 42 gallons of water for one gallon of beer; 39,000 gallons of water for one automobile\*
- Our LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified plants have conserved over nine million gallons of water since 2002



### ***Percentage of Total U.S. Water Use***

NWNA	.001%
Bottled water	.004%
Thermoelectric power	48%
Agriculture	34%
Public supply	11%
Industrial	5%

Sources: <http://water.usgs.gov>

*Nestlé Waters North America is a small consumer of water, using less than 1/1,000 of 1% of total U.S. renewable fresh water annually.*

- We've saved 15.1 million pounds of paper (equivalent to 20,180 trees) since 1998 by reducing the weight of paper labels



- We've increased factory recycling 28% over the past eight years, eliminating 53 million pounds of packaging material from landfills
  - NWNA has eliminated 35.3 million pounds of corrugated cardboard from packaging in the last 10 years

**Support for environmental, community, education and health programs, nationally and locally**

- Project WET and Make A Splash: Educated 25 million students and trained 200,000 teachers since 1984
  - The Nature Conservancy: Directly supported protection of 426,000 wilderness acres; innovative water partnership to protect fresh water in America
    - Disaster relief: Support for the American Red Cross, AmeriCares and Salvation Army; 1.5 million bottles donated to Hurricane Katrina relief
      - Crystal Springs Nature Preserve (Florida), Ice Mountain Environmental Stewardship Fund (Michigan), San Bernardino National Forest Association (California) and others



**Ten aspirations guide Nestlé Waters North America's practices in our local communities and form the basis of our Good Neighbor Policy.**

**Our Good Neighbor Policy**

We at Nestlé Waters North America Inc. are committed to respecting the communities and environment in which we operate through:

- Open Communication** – To be responsive to local regulators, public officials and neighbors, addressing questions, issues and opportunities.
- Environmental Excellence** – To comply with all federal, state and local regulations and meet stringent internal standards for environmentally sound business practices.
- Responsible Spring Water Resource Management** – To help ensure safe spring water collection by utilizing long-term monitoring at our sources and within the surrounding environment, and to manage our use for sustainability.
- Water Resource Relations** – To try to alleviate any concerns of neighboring landowners that our operations are negatively affecting their water supply. If our operations are shown to have a negative impact, the company will take action to try to remedy the situation.
- Sustainable Land Use** – To ensure good environmental land practices and support preservation of open spaces.
- Traffic Mitigation** – To study traffic flows and try to develop low impact routes.
- Exemplary Employment Practices** – To set a high standard for employment practices in the industry and community.
- Water Education** – To support national and local water education programs.
- Emergency Relief** – To provide emergency and disaster relief when a community's water supply is interrupted.
- Giving Back** – To make a positive contribution in each community where we operate.

\* Sources: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Coca-Cola Company; Drinking Water Research Foundation study summary; International Bottled Water Association

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