

	Cost	Benefits	How often does the filter have to be changed	Image
Bottle Refill Station	<p>Bottle Refill Station - \$3,047 Water Supply Hoses - \$22 Installation - \$2,941 Filter - \$444 Total Cost - \$6,454</p> <p>*prices may vary depending on location</p>	<p>Easy access to clean drinking water</p> <p>Filter improves taste</p>	Once a year or once it reaches 3,000 gallons	
Kitchen Sink Filter	<p>Kitchen Sink Filter - \$617 Installation - \$1,082 Total Cost - \$1,699</p> <p>*prices may vary depending on location</p>	<p>Easier to fill up water bottles compared to faucet</p> <p>Filter improves taste</p>	Once a year or once it reaches 3,000 gallons	
Bottle-less Water Cooler**	<p>Bottle-less Water Cooler - \$900 Installation - \$150 Total Cost - \$1,050</p> <p>*prices may vary depending on location ***cost for maintenance not included</p>	<p>Easy access to clean drinking water</p> <p>Filter improves taste</p> <p>Affordable</p>	Once a year	
Retrofit Bottle Filler	<p>Retrofit Bottle Filler - \$1,595 Installation - request quote from Facilities Management</p> <p>*prices may vary depending on location ***initial filter included</p>	<p>Easier to fill up water bottles compared to water fountain</p> <p>Filter improves taste</p>	Once it reaches 3,000 gallons	
Outdoor Bottle Filler	<p>Outdoor Bottle Filler - \$4,679 Installation - request quote from Facilities Management</p> <p>*prices may vary depending on location ***filter is not included</p>	<p>Easy access to clean drinking water for outdoor events</p> <p>Filter improves taste</p>	Once it reaches 3,000 gallons	

Sustainable Water Dispensing Benefits Explained

- Cost-Effective:** Bottled water is more expensive than drinking tap water. You are massively overspending compared to the price per liter you receive. It is estimated that bottled water costs \$1.22 per gallon, which is about 300 times more than tap water.
(<https://sustainability.umd.edu/get-involved/staff/terps-heart-tap/bottled-water-facts-did-you-know#fn9>)
- Environment-friendly:** Bottle filling stations encourage the use of reusable water bottles over single-use plastic bottles. This reduces plastic waste in landfills and oceans and reduces carbon emissions from truck transportation and bottling.
- Increases hydration:** Having easy access to clean drinking water throughout the day makes it easier for people to stay hydrated and avoid sugary drinks. This further supports a healthier, more sustainable lifestyle and reduces plastic pollution from alternative drinks.
- Filter Improves taste:** Tap water is safe and clean to drink due to stringent water quality regulations by the FDA and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). Water filters simply help improve the taste for those who do not prefer the taste of tap water.

Chart Side-Notes

*Prices may vary and your department would have to complete a Facilities Service Request (FSR) which can be found at <http://fsr.admin.ucla.edu/>

**This is the retail price, but the university may be able to purchase at wholesale price

***Filters are not always included, replacement cost is additional

The university is working on installing bottle refill stations in large public spaces through the 25 Thirsty Buildings program. Please check with your department to make sure plans have not already been made for installation. If you are interested in installing any of the products above, your department needs to pay for material and labor through Facilities Management.