

FINAL Bottled Water Policy

Adopted 10/28/2020 by the President's Sustainability Council

Recognizing the environmental impact of single-use plastics, Connecticut College will end the sale and provision of bottled water on campus by August 1, 2021. The College further commits to eliminating single-use plastic straws from campus by the same date.

With the adoption of this policy the college commits to:

- Installing additional water bottle filling stations on campus
- Replacing bottled water in vending machines with healthy beverage options or reusable bottles
- Encouraging the use of reusable containers for other types of beverages by advertising refill locations and discounts
- Encouraging campus community members to carry reusable containers with them to meetings and events
- Review the sale of other bottled beverages to identify ways to further eliminate plastic bottles

Provisions:

For the purposes of this policy "bottled water" refers to single-use, non-carbonated, unflavored water.

Bottled water can be purchased for emergency use, including but not limited to:

- In the case of a water shutoff
- Severe weather conditions that impact the quality of campus tap water
- For instances when bottles are needed to provide water quickly due to health concerns
- To meet public health requirements