



Metropolitan Washington Fact Sheet

The Council of Governments, water and wastewater utilities across the region, and TapIt, are partnering to promote easy access to clean, sustainable tap water.

TapIt is a free program which encourages restaurants and local shops to provide tap water to patrons who have a reusable bottle, no purchase necessary. TapIt Partners are recognized by a window decal and poster, similar to the Zagat sticker, and can be found on the TapIt website: www.mwcog.org/tapit



Look for the TapIt Smartphone app this summer!



Three reasons why TapIt fits so well within metropolitan Washington:

- 1. Promotes tap water.** By helping people find tap water on the go, TapIt directly supports the high quality water that water utilities in our region produce and distribute. TapIt is a national organization whose goal is to promote tap water.
- 2. Helps reduce waste.** TapIt promotes using refillable bottles to reduce plastic bottle waste. This supports the COG region's Potomac Trash Treaty and the Anacostia Trash limits.
- 3. Connects people to local businesses.** Close to 400 businesses in the region are already TapIt partners. The goal is to have a network of cafes, restaurants, and businesses extending across the District, Maryland and Virginia. TapIt provides a database of partners' names and locations that doubles as a free way to advertise local businesses and support the region's economy.



TapIt Decal

The Council of Governments and its Community Engagement Campaign (water supply and wastewater utilities) will be handing out TapIt water bottles and maps at Bike to Work Day (May 17), Celebrate Fairfax (June 7-9), and other fairs/festivals and baseball games this summer



The Community Engagement Campaign (CEC) is a partnership between the Council of Governments and various water supply and wastewater members to engage metropolitan Washington in wise water use and source water protection messages. The goal of this partnership is to share water information with our community through a variety of media sources.

FREE WATER BOTTLE REFILLS

on the go...

The Council of Governments and your local utility are partnering with TapIt and local businesses to provide easy public access to drinking water. So grab your reusable water bottle and use TapIt to find free refills on-the-go, anywhere in the DC region.



Free App available on the iPhone® App Store.

Visit www.mwcog.org/tapit For More Information

