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TOWNSHIP WATER DEPARTMENT HOSTS TAP THE TAP: RETHINK YOUR DRINK PROGRAM, GIVING AWAY FREE REFILLABLE BOTTLES

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Mich., August 9, 2021— Van Buren Township's Water & Sewer Department Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink program is celebrating healthy and delicious tap water by giving away 32-ounce Nalgene refillable water bottles to residents.

"Municipal tap water is constantly tested to maintain safety and quality standards," said Water & Sewer Director James T. Taylor. "With all these standards in place, many residents have stated Van Buren Townships tap water tastes great and smells odorless." Van Buren Township's tap water is routinely tested and an annual water quality report is sent to residents during the summer months in the Van Buren Today magazine. If standards don't catch your attention, let's take a look at the environmental impact bottled water has on our planet.

More than 60 million plastic bottles end up in landfills and incinerators every day. With a total of about 22 billion a year. In an effort to reduce water bottle waste we're asking residents to Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink and help us protect the earth. Despite the predominant belief that most of the plastic packaging can be recycled, the fact of the matter is that 80 percent of the packaging cannot be recycled.

To jump start the Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink program the Water & Sewer Department has installed two water bottle filling stations in township hall. One is located in the west wing between the Supervisors and Treasurer's office and the other is outside the Recreation Multipurpose room in the Parks and Rec

Department. These stations have a Green Ticker which tracks the number of plastic bottles saved from waste stations. "We invite you all to stop by township hall to fill up your water bottles in the new fountains," said Public Services Director Matt Best.

With the Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink program residents can receive a free 32-ounce refillable water bottle by taking a quick 1-minute survey about the township's water supply. Once completed you can pick up your free water bottle, first come first served, at Township Hall from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. There is a limited supply of refillable bottles, so don't delay take the survey today at vanburen-mi.org/tapthetap.

Thank you for helping us celebrate clean water while protecting our beautiful earth from plastic waste! If you have questions about the Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink Program call 734-699-8925 or email publicservices@vanburen-mi.org.

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