

BOTTLED WATER GUIDELINES

Since bottled water represents excessive pollution and needless waste Vanier College will not participate in the sale or support the purchase of this product. Water scarcity is a growing global concern and we believe that in order to engage our students into becoming aware citizens, Vanier College should aspire to be an example of good resource stewardship and this means promoting the use of municipal tap water.

Specifically:

Vanier College, or its foodservice suppliers/contractors, will not sell water bottles through vending machines or by any other means.

Vanier College will not fund the purchase of water bottles or water gallons for office-type coolers.

Vanier College is committed to improving the access to water fountains for all of its community, within reasonable limits and will do so through a long term process of improvement of water fountains and distribution of reusable water bottles.

Vanier College wants to collaborate with event organizers and staff in order to facilitate solutions to the problems his product presents.

Vanier College will work to provide the community with reusable water bottles so that students and staff can enjoy water easily accessible through the refrigerated water coolers found in the College.

Vanier College will promote education about water and these guidelines in a local and global context.

Recommendations

1. Vanier College has installed several Refrigerated Water Refilling Stations located in different strategic areas. Some of these locations include: near the D-Cafeteria, the Sports Complex and the N Building. The goal of this initiative is to allow the Vanier Community to have access to these stations so they can fill up their water bottles efficiently. As well, when the college replaces existing water fountains it is committed to using the Refrigerated Water Refilling Station model.
2. In order to accommodate the use of these new Refrigerated Water Refilling Stations the college will sell reusable water bottles at a nominal cost.
3. Vanier College will continue to ban the sale of bottled water in vending machines and in the cafeterias as well as at any other location within the college.

4. Vanier College will ban all bottled water at college sponsored events, such as meetings. The following situations are exempt from the guidelines:
 - a. Sale of vitamin water or sports drink
 - b. During sporting events
 - c. In the event of municipal water quality issues and that bottled water needs to be distributed as a matter of emergency preparedness
 - d. If absolutely necessary, bottled water can be distributed during major college events or conferences
 - e. The guidelines do not apply during a state of emergency
5. Vanier College will no longer pay for water coolers.
6. In order to better educate the college community about the city of Montreal's water quality as well as Vanier's new guidelines at the beginning of each semester, Vanier's Services for Students Department will launch an educational campaign. This educational campaign will take place at the same time that the college distributes the free reusable water bottles.