

Stormwater tip – March 2017

Using industry and governmental sources, we can calculate that of the 57 million plastic bottles reaching the trash and recycling stream in the US, less than 30% are recycled. When we dispose of them in the regular trash stream, we pay by weight. We pay by weight for our trash disposal. When we remove the plastic bottles from the trash stream, not only would we save money on trash disposal. In addition, recycled plastics are reused in manufacturing products, which saves on virgin materials.

Many of us buy filtered water rather than spring water. We can save money and eliminate numerous plastic bottles if we buy a pitcher with a filter or a filter for our faucets and fill a reusable water bottle.