

Compliance with the Bottled Water Ban on City Property

On January 20th, 2017, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the Mayor passed Ordinance No. 009-17, amending the Environment Code to restrict the sale or distribution of packaged water on City property. Packaged water is defined as water in a sealed box, bag, can, glass bottle, rigid plastic bottle or other container and having a capacity of one liter or less.

If you are required to provide water at your event, please be aware that you must comply with the Packaged Water Ban on City property. This means that you are not permitted to sell or distribute packaged water at your event if it is hosted on City property such as a public street or park. Using the chart below, you can choose the most effective, legal way of providing potable water at your event.

Options	Capacity (gallons)	Servings (8 oz)	Logistical Considerations	Public Health Considerations	Cost
Potable Water Fire Hydrants	No capacity restriction	No serving restriction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please go to SFPUC Customer Service Center at 525 Golden Gate Ave. to request approval & a water meter to connect to a fire hydrant. ▪ Must provide SFPUC sufficient prior notification for use of a fire hydrant. ▪ Use of fire hydrants without approval is prohibited ▪ Connect to low pressure fire hydrants only ▪ Event producer installs the meter – instructions provided by SFPUC ▪ SFPUC will flush the hydrant – requires prior notification ▪ Event producer disconnects and returns meter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The event sponsor must ensure that the water quality after the meter connection does not pose a public health risk ▪ All fittings and pipes must comply with the plumbing code and must be protected from deliberate tampering or any cross contamination ▪ The pipe, hose, or any other fitting must be above grade and flushed prior to use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commercial water rate of \$7.79/CCF paid for by event coordinator ▪ \$113 non-refundable connecting fee ▪ Utility Tax of 7.50% ▪ \$800 refundable meter deposit ▪ See water rate listings here
Potable Water Connection in Parks	No capacity restriction	No serving restriction	Potable water hook ups vary by park and are limited. Please contact the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) at (415) 831-5500 for more information.	The event sponsor must ensure that the water quality after the meter connection does not pose a public health risk	Please contact RPD at (415) 831-5500 for more information
Portable Water Container	5-125	Between 80 & 2,000	<p>Options for filling:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring container to event empty and fill from private plumbing connection 2. Arrive onsite with cooler filled 3. Arrive onsite empty and use SFPUC hydrant or other fill source <p><i>If using a hydrant, see Potable Water Fire Hydrants box above</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The event sponsor must ensure the container is protected from being tampered by providing a lock and overnight storage if necessary ▪ Containers must be stored empty ▪ Container should be disinfected every 24 hours and must be above grade ▪ To disinfect, fill container with diluted bleach solution (1 Tbsp/gal of water), let sit for 5 min, drain before use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See list of third party vendors to request a quote ▪ Metered water rates apply based on water source
Tanker Truck	Up to 3,500	Up to 56,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Due to weight, can't be used on all surfaces ▪ Suitable for very large events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All tanker trucks must be licensed by the CA DPH ▪ Refer to CA Health and Safety Code Sec 111070-111198 for guidance & compliance with hauled water standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See list of third party vendors to request a quote