

# Nestlé Waters North America Announces They Have Started To Convert To 100% Recycled Plastic

By Courtney Accurti

STAMFORD, CONN. - Nestlé Waters North America has been a part of the Washington Township community for nearly 20 years. Our Deer Park Spring Water, bottled in Breinigsville, sources water from several spring sites in eastern Pennsylvania, including a spring site in Northampton County. I am reaching out today to share exciting news with you about an NRNA announcement on sustainable packaging.

Nestlé Waters North America today announced three new brands within its portfolio have started to convert to 100% recycled plastic. These include multiple sizes of Deer Park. With the expansion of rPET to these brands, nearly 60% of all households in the U.S. will have access to one of our regionally distributed spring water brands in a 100% rPET bottle.

Despite some of the challenges COVID-19 has presented the packaging industry, we the conversion for these three brands means that NRNA has now doubled the amount of rPET used since 2019 across its U.S. domestic portfolio to 16.5%. This step brings the company closer to achieving its goals of using 25% rPET across its U.S. domestic portfolio by 2021 and 50% rPET by 2025. This is the first major update on our rPET journey since June 2019 when we announced Poland Spring would be the first major bottled water brand to convert to 100% recycled plastic by 2022. As part of our efforts to minimize environmental impact of our packaging, using recycled plastic helps create a circular economy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 67% compared to using virgin plastic.

We take our environmental stewardship responsibilities seriously and are proud to share the achievement that three more of our brands now offer bottles made of 100% recycled plastic.



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## The Romano Family are 'Friends of Minsi Lake'

By Michael Ortoski / Co-Chair of 'Friends of Minsi Lake'

UMBT - I met Kathy Romano and her husband Frank about three months ago while bird watching at Minsi Lake west shore park.

I spotted what I thought was one of the bald eagles that live at the lake in a tree down near the middle of the lake. I mentioned it to the couple bird watching next to me and they confirmed it. I said "your binoculars are better than mine at that distance." that started a conversation about their experiences at the lake.

They told me they were avid Minsi Lake visitors to bird watch, walking the trail that goes around the lake and family times with their son Zach who loved to fish there and has since passed away. I then shared who 'Friends of Minsi Lake' (FOML) are and all the great things we have done and will be doing in the future with all of our partners.

They were amazed at what we have accomplished to date and were excited to see what's next.

I explained that the next project was to build and install 100 porcupine crib fish habitat structures and 10 turtle basking platforms all to be anchored to the lake bed. I asked if they would make a donation to (FOML) we would put their name on one of the structures just before they load it on a boat to take it out to its specific GPS location then submerged under water.

They would also receive a certificate with the GPS location numbers on it and a thank you from Friends of Minsi Lake Committee. They agreed and this photo shows FOML Co Chair John Mauser & Sec. Jim Wilson with the name 'Romano Family' on a porcupine crib in memory of their son Zach who really enjoyed his time at the lake.

If you would like to be a Friend of Minsi Lake please contact us at  
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## EPA Qualified Outdoor Wood Furnaces

### A new generation of clean

When John Hanley built his 4,000 square foot log home in a small Ohio township 17 years ago, he chose propane for heat and domestic hot water because it was an economical choice.

But, when propane prices increased and his annual fuel bill reached \$6000, he dropped the thermostat to 63°F to manage his costs. His wife, however, suffered with severe arthritis and lowering the ambient temperature caused her discomfort.

He began looking for a more affordable home heating solution. His research led him to outdoor wood furnaces.

Today's outdoor wood furnaces, also called wood boilers or wood-fired hydronic heaters are a clean, cost-effective alternative to the safety, mess and health concerns of indoor wood burning, while also providing a ready supply of domestic hot water.

The outdoor furnace heats water in an insulated water jacket surrounding the firebox. The heated water circulates through underground pipes to a forced-air furnace, boiler or radiant floor heating system that distributes even, adjustable and comfortable heat.

Hanley knew some townships placed restrictions on the installation of outdoor wood furnaces to address smoke emission issues. It was important for him to set a good example in his own community

by choosing a unit that was EPA qualified. Central Boiler, an American-owned company in business since 1984, helped create the EPA Hydronic Heater Program. Their E-Classic was the first outdoor wood furnace meeting Phase 2 of the program.

Central Boiler's new E-Classic models utilize a three-stage gasification technology and a self-regulating thermostatically controlled system that burns wood so completely that combustion efficiencies approach 100%. This means the owner burns less wood, with very little residual ash and virtually no smoke. By minimizing the emissions, this cleaner generation of outdoor furnaces is the optimum choice for people concerned with the environment.

Hanley chose an E-Classic to heat a 2,500 square foot barn/garage in addition to his home and hot water. Now, Hanley's wife keeps the ambient house temperature at 76°F. "She's happy and she has endless hot water for her whirlpool bath," he says.

Company reliability was also a factor in his choice. "Central Boiler stands behind their products and this sort of warranty service is really important to me."

Finally, because he cuts his own wood, he has eliminated his home heating costs enabling him to redirect the money saved to their children's university educations.

*"This furnace is the way to go. You can't beat it," says Hanley.*



In 2002, concerns regarding smoke emissions from outdoor wood furnaces prompted a number of manufacturers to form the Outdoor Furnace Manufacturers Caucus and ultimately partner voluntarily with the EPA to create a program that gave homeowners choices for cleaner, more efficient models. EPA states that outdoor hydronic heaters that are EPA Phase 2 program qualified are 90% cleaner than unqualified units.



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This is how the park should look all the time, imagine it with trash sperad all over it every weekend

## Park Closed

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So now the Portland Council, the Mayor, the Northampton County (NORCO) have to work together to come up with a plan on how to go forward.

The County ones the park the Borough manages the park. So on Monday council woman Stephine Steel invited NORCO Parks & Rec. Director Bryan Cope to come to Portland and see for himself the carnage left over from just one weekend. I was told he was amazed! and that's just one weekend, it's been going on for months.

Cope will set up meetings for all interested parties to come up with plan, closing of the park is just temporary but it had to be done till things are worked out.

When I talked to Mayor Prator on Monday he had just gotten off the phone with the NORCO executive LaMont McClure who assured him that the county is willing to work together with the borough and the Toll Bridge Comm. to rectify the situation.

One of the big problems that comes up is the number of people attending and where they park. Loads of cars just park under the toll bridge which is totally against Home Land Security rules. "We will be getting no parking signs posted over there so law enforcement can then ticket any car on that property" said Steel. The Fire Dept. will be blocking their large parking lot on State St. to help cut down the crowds, and will be fishing out beer bottles that were thrown in the river as part of Mondays meeting.



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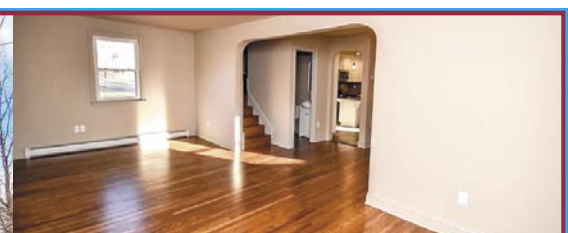
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