



Tideway

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At a glance

The construction company is responsible for delivering a new 25km 'super sewer' under the river Thames, and has considered multiple ways in which single-use plastic water bottles can be eliminated across their operations.

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Removing single-use water bottles

Tideway are replacing plastic drinking bottles with glass tumblers and refill stations, eliminating **3,000** plastic bottles every year – 4,500 bottles as of September 2019.

Switching to refillable bottles

Since 2018, every new member of staff (4,000, with 160 directly employed by Tideway) receives a #OneLess branded refillable aluminium water bottle on their first day. The bottle includes the message 'Eliminating single-use plastic bottles for a healthier river Thames'. As of 2019 more than **5,000** bottles have been handed out. Tideway see this investment as a way to encourage environmentally conscious behaviours and expectations in its staff from the offset.

5,000 refillable bottles distributed to Tideway staff



Eliminating plastic in staff catering

Tideway's head office canteen has completely replaced plastic drink bottles with glass and cans. Tideway has also ensured drinking fountains are available on all its construction sites.

3,000 a year - number of single-use water bottles eliminated



4,500 single-use plastic water bottles eliminated since early 2018



“We are faced daily with the plastic problem in the Thames so the investment in refillable solutions to ensure we are not contributing to this plastic problem demonstrates to our stakeholders who we are and what we care about as a company.”

Key challenge



The company found the most difficult change to implement was eliminating bottled water at events that they support, such as Pride London. Their challenge was keeping people hydrated on the go without using bottled water. Tideway's solution was to use refillable backpacks containing cool water, providing water to the team and the crowd.

What's next

Tideway is also exploring the use of water tanks and plastic-free policies for all events, especially on the Thames, showing the various innovative alternatives to supplying single-use plastic water bottles, whatever the occasion.

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