DEAR CITIZENS OF MARBURG AND VISITORS

MARBURG IS DIFFERENT: FORWARD-THINKING AND ALWAYS FULL OF NEW IDEAS AND PROJECTS.

The University Town of Marburg is a “Blue Community” since 2017! Have you drunk a glass of fresh tap water today and did you enjoy it? We would like to encourage you to do so because we are fortunate to have a public water supply of the best drinking quality.

This is a real privilege that we share with only a few nations of the world. For many millions of humans a daily supply of clean water cannot be taken for granted. Its availability is limited, it is often dirty and additionally people must frequently walk great distances to reach the next source.

At the same time we transport plastic bottles of water from other countries to Germany despite the fact that drinking water here is the best controlled foodstuff in our country. We must ask ourselves why this is so!

At a meeting of the town council it was decided on 15.12.2017 that Marburg should become a “Blue Community”. This commits the University town of Marburg to the following:

1. The recognition of access to water as a human right
2. That the supply of water to the community remains a public service
3. That drinking water should be from the public supply, not from bottles
4. To cultivate cooperation with international partners

To convert these aims into daily practice and particular projects there is a Round Table, “Blue Community Marburg”, in which the following organizations are active: the Municipal Utilities Marburg (with directional function), the University Town of Marburg, Philips University Marburg, the student initiative “Blue Community” of the University, representatives of the Town Council, the voluntary project “Refill Marburg”, Unicef Marburg and other institutions.

The administration of the town wants to set an example by being environment and climate friendly in a “healthy town”. They have begun with this aim at meetings and events of the town to supply only tap water and to stop serving or dispensing bottled water.

GET YOUR DRINKING WATER FROM ONE OF OUR DRINKING WATER SOURCES

Every mouthful is always fresh and tasty and is also a real contribution to the protection of both environment and climate. This is because the production, transport, cleaning (of reusable) and disposal or recycling (of one way) bottles for water requires enormous amounts of resources and energy. You can find where the drinking water sources in the town are by the drops on the plan. It is also possible to fill a container with water at some of the town’s offices during their opening hours. These locations are also marked on the plan with a drop.

WATER TO GO – HOW TO SPOT TAP WATER

drinking water

no drinking water

BLUE COMMUNITY – THE INITIATIVE IN MARBURG

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