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## **New Water Filling Stations in Some City Parks**

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg recently installed a new amenity at two city park facilities, which will be convenient this weekend with the anticipated hot weather.

Harrisonburg's Parks and Recreation Department added a water filling station at Purcell Park and A Dream Come True Playground.

These fillers are to refill water bottles and containers in an effort to reduce waste and increase reusable water bottles.

The water filling stations were paid for through a grant from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality that was obtained by the Public Works Department. These funds are geared toward programs or initiatives that help reduce littering in this community. As additional grant money is available, the intent is to add more of these stations at other parks and city facilities.

Anyone with a reusable water bottle or container can simply hold the container under the water spout and press a button to refill. This device operates like a regular water fountain.

Additional information on other environmental initiatives, including litter prevention, can be found at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/environmental-initiatives](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/environmental-initiatives). To see a complete list of parks and recreational facilities, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/parks-recreation).

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*Pictured above: The new water filling station is blue in color and located to the right of the water fountains. The second station is green in color.*

**The Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department** manages 12 parks, A Dream Come True Playground and numerous other playgrounds, a skate park, bike trails, soccer complex, softball and baseball fields, a dog park, and two pools. The largest park in the City of Harrisonburg is Hillendale Park that encompasses 74 acres. More information about the parks can be found online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/parks-recreation).



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