

## Businessmen collect drinking water for Flint, Michigan

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Rene Alaniz and Walter Alvarez ask the public to donate bottled water to residents of Flint, Michigan.

Two Northwest Indiana businessmen are asking the public to donate bottled water or cash for the purchase of bottled water for residents of Flint, Michigan.

Flint's drinking water became contaminated after its source was switched from the nearby Detroit water system to the Flint River as a cost-saving measure in 2014. The untreated river water caused lead to leach from old pipes.

Rene Alaniz, owner of Valpo Car Wash, and Walter Alvarez, of Alvarez Law, are asking the public to drop off bottled water or money for the purchase of water. They hope to collect enough for a million bottled water containers. They said they will bear the cost of delivering the water to Flint.

Donations can be brought to Valpo Car Wash, 2454 Morthland Drive, Valparaiso; Tire Experts Complete Auto Care, 750 Indian Boundary Road, Chesterton; Alvarez Law, 1524 W. 96th Ave., Crown Point; Munster Marathon Auto Repair, 9451 Calumet Ave., Munster; Midwest Tire & Auto Repair, 1225 Sheffield Ave., Dyer and Tri-Town Safety Village, 1350 Eagle Ridge Drive, Schererville.

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