Is My Tap Water Safe To Drink?

Water quality is tested so that we know it's safe to drink. Water quality must meet federal and state drinking water standards.

Tap Water Quality Assurance

Water service providers are responsible for providing safe drinking water to water meters. Property owners/landlords are responsible for taking care of the pipes from the water meter to the tap.

In some cases, tap water quality issues come from old pipes or housing, which is the responsibility of landlords and homeowners. To find more information on this, reach out to your landlord or check out this helpful resource from Environmental Working Group: https://www.ewg.org/healthyhomeguide/plumbing-and-pipes/

Pumped groundwater goes through treatment processes to remove contaminants and bacteria so that you can safely drink your tap water. The US EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act sets rules on the amount of pollutants allowed and how water service providers must test for tap water quality.

Because of the testing, tap water is typically much safer than bottled water. In fact, bottled water is less regulated than tap water.

What's in my tap water?:

The EPA tests tap water for more than 90 pollutants. While water quality tests are important, the presence of some pollutants does not necessarily make the water unsafe to drink for all populations.

To learn more about the water quality in your area, visit the California Water Quality Monitoring Council at https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/

To learn more about local water issues and ways to get involved, join our Sustainable SGV Coalition and meet other residents who are passionate about cultivating safe and healthy communities: **bit.ly/ssgvcoalition**

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