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Drinking Water and Human Health

Current, science-based information on safe drinking water issues

Many people are concerned about the potential health risks, nuisance problems, and availability issues associated with their drinking water. This online resource will answer the public's questions about:

- Everyday water quality and quantity concerns
- The latest drinking water issues
- The newest treatments and best management practice research

The goal is to help citizens make educated, cost-saving decisions about drinking water conservation and treatment, and to help them guard against health risks.

Learn to be Water Wise

People's health and livelihood depends on the availability of safe drinking water supplies. Community water systems now supply drinking water to over 80 percent of the U.S. population, mostly in urban areas. Other people drink water from private sources, mostly wells. These people are often in rural settings. If your drinking water comes from a private source, learning about it is particularly important since owners are responsible for their own water quality.

Regulations for private water sources are minimal, but regulations and property laws are changing to reflect the importance of these water resources.

In some portions of the nation, drinking water is scarce, while in other areas abundant water supplies are available. Concerns about how to protect our sources of water, economic expansion, and increasing use per capita mean that we need to emphasize the wise use, proper management, and protection of water resources.

Find Answers to Drinking Water Questions

On this site you'll find answers, provided by national drinking water experts, to frequently asked questions (FAQ's) about public and private drinking water supplies and problems. Get advice on a number of topics, including:

- Water system basics
- Water testing – when and how
- Managing your water quality at home
- Interpreting drinking water test results
- Human health risks related to drinking water contaminants
- Preventing and solving water quality and quantity problems

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- Up-to-date, 24-hour availability from any Internet connection
- Connections to the best, most innovative minds in American universities
- Customized answers to your specific needs
- Searchable knowledge base and "Ask the Experts" options
- Contact to over 3,000 local Cooperative Extension offices with professionals who can help you in your own neighborhood
- Community-building features including blogs, online chats, content evaluation and rating, and more

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"This is an informational and educational site where I can get objective, **unbiased information**... much better than [other leading search sites] where you don't know how accurate the information is."