

Educational Information

The California Department of Public Health requires the following language about arsenic to be used by water agencies that have traceable amounts of the substance in their water systems. **These do not apply to the Water Agency's water systems; where found, the amounts do not exceed acceptable federal and state standards.**

Additional information is provided about fluoride and hardness to help answer customers' frequently asked questions.

It is important to realize that the majority of water quality issues apply to both tap and bottled water.

Want more information on contaminants and potential health effects?

- Call the USEPA's Safe Drinking and Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791
- Go online to www.epa.gov/safewater/hfacts.html

Information for Sensitive Populations

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Arsenic: While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Sacramento County Water Agency is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

For More Information

If you have questions about this report, or would like to request a complete list of tested constituents, please contact us at:

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Get Involved!

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is the governing board of the Sacramento County Water Agency. The public is invited to attend the Board of Supervisors meetings at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday and the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Currently, night meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 6 p.m.

Meetings are held at:

Sacramento County Administration Center
700 H Street, Room 1450
Sacramento

Board meeting agendas are available at the County Administration Center or online at www.bos.saccounty.net.



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Information You Should Know About Water

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick-up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants—such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants—such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides—that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants—including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants—that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and the California Department of Public Health (Department) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.



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Important Water Quality Information Inside

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Please have it translated or speak with someone who understands it.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Information included in this report is required by law to be provided to every water user. For a translation in Spanish, customers may call Juan Perez at (916) 875-6916. Para recibir esta información en español, llame a Juan Perez al (916) 875-6916.

Property owners, please share this information with your tenants.

