

Water Safety Resources

U.S. national, state, and local resources for drinking water safety and treatment options.

Federal and State Water Agencies

Learn more about drinking water regulations, submit a complaint, or find resources.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- Explore information about drinking water and regulation:
www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water
- Safe Drinking Water Hotline:
1-800-426-4791
safewater@epa.gov
- Ask a question:
www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/forms/contact-us-about-ground-water-and-drinking-water
- Report a violation:
<https://echo.epa.gov/report-environmental-violations>

California State Water Resources Control Board

- Information about regulation of drinking water from public water systems:
www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/
1-916-341-5300
- Submit a water rights complaint:
www.calepa.ca.gov/enforcement/complaints/

Resources for In-home Water Treatment

If you are considering in-home treatment of your drinking water, be sure to use an approved device.

National Sanitation Foundation (NSF)

- Look up a filter to see if it is effective for specific contaminants:
<https://info.nsf.org/certified/dwtu>
- Learn about different filter standards:
www.nsf.org/knowledge-library/standards-water-treatment-systems

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Find detailed information about treatment processes for over 120 regulated and unregulated drinking water contaminants:

<https://tdb.epa.gov/tdb/home>

California State Water Resources Control Board

Find information about in-home treatment devices registered for sale in California:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certLic/device/watertreatmentdevices

Resources for Drinking Water Testing

If you want to have your water tested privately, use a laboratory that is certified by the State of California for drinking water testing.

California State Water Resources Control Board

Search the Geographic Information System (GIS) Map to find accredited laboratories near you:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/labs

Resources for Private Well Users

Private (domestic) well owners are responsible for ensuring their drinking water is safe. The government does not regulate private well water.

California State Water Resources Control Board

Guides, checklists and resources for domestic well owners:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gama/well_owners

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Information for well owners on wells, groundwater, and how to protect your health:

www.epa.gov/privatewells

Water Education Foundation

Overview about testing private wells:

www.watereducation.org/post/private-wells

Wellcare

Provides free help for well owners:

www.wellcarehotline.org

1-888-395-1033

Clean Water Advocacy Organizations

Listed below are some local organizations working to improve drinking water quality. Contact them if you would like to advocate for the regulation of unregulated contaminants or learn more about local clean water resources or advocacy efforts.

Clean Water Action

Clean Water Action campaigns for cleaner and safer water, cleaner air, and protection from toxic pollution in our homes, neighborhoods and workplaces:

www.cleanwateraction.org/states/california

1-415-369-9160

cacwa@cleanwater.org

Community Water Center

Community Water Center acts as a catalyst for community-driven water solutions through organizing, education, and advocacy in California:

www.communitywatercenter.org

1-559-733-0219

info@communitywatercenter.org

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Leadership Counsel advocates for funding to address the costs associated with drinking water and wastewater service, while also addressing the root causes of service inequality and deficiency:

www.leadershipcounsel.org

1-559-369-2790

Self-Help Enterprises

Assistance for rural communities to identify sources of clean drinking water and develop sanitary sewer systems:

www.selfhelpenterprises.org/programs/community-development/

1-559-651-1000

info@selfhelpenterprises.org