

Your Water Quality: Our Top Priority_y

No matter where you live in Southern Nevada, you can count on the safety, reliability and quality of the drinking water you draw from your tap for you and your family. In fact, our drinking water meets or surpasses all state and federal standards—and is tested more thoroughly and frequently than most bottled water.

Local water providers including the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Big Bend Water District, and the cities of Boulder City, Henderson and North Las Vegas have recently published their annual water quality reports. These reports provide you with detailed information about what's in your drinking water and reflect the results of rigorous laboratory testing and advanced treatment conducted by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA).

In fact, the SNWA tests your water 300,000 times a year, monitoring for more regulated and unregulated contaminants than is required by law. The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act sets water-quality standards for all water purveyors; in Nevada, these standards are enforced by the State of Nevada's Bureau of Safe Drinking Water. Southern Nevada's drinking water is carefully treated and regularly tested to ensure it meets these stringent requirements.

Still, some folks might shy away from tap water due to its hard, mineral-rich taste, while others mistakenly confuse taste with safety. Rest assured, your glass of tap water is both refreshing and safe to enjoy, and its naturally occurring minerals and electrolytes help keep you hydrated and healthy.

However, if the taste of tap water doesn't appeal to you, there are some easy tips you can use to make your water lip-smackin' good:

- **CHILL:** Refrigerate a pitcher of tap water to boost flavor and zap chlorine perceptions.
- **FLAVOR:** Add a citrus slice for zest.
- **FILTER:** Try an activated carbon filter, like those in carafe systems, to reduce chlorine taste.
- **MAINTAIN:** If you have an in-home filtration system, follow its recommended maintenance schedule, including filter replacement.

For objective information on water quality, and to obtain a copy of your water provider's 2023 water quality report, visit [snwa.com](https://www.snwa.com).