

# Tap Water Fact Sheet

Tap water is more heavily regulated than any other food or beverage.



Tap water is less expensive than bottled water: CVWD customers pay \$1.12 for 748 gallons of water. That's seven gallons for about 1 penny!

Tap water is more environmentally friendly than bottled water: It can take 1,000 years for a plastic bottle to naturally degrade.



Tap water is available on demand, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



CVWD provides high quality drinking water to nearly 108,000 homes and businesses in the Coachella Valley using a distribution system with more than 100 wells and 60 reservoirs

All the drinking water delivered by CVWD comes from an underground aquifer.

CVWD tests more than 15,000 drinking water samples each year to ensure it meets state and federal requirements for more than 100 regulated and unregulated substances. Many of these tests are performed in CVWD's state certified laboratory.



Each year, CVWD publishes the results of its water testing in the Annual Review and Water Quality Report, which is mailed to domestic water customers and available by request and online at [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org).

A small amount of chlorine, equivalent to less than one drop of household bleach per gallon, is added to most water sources to ensure tap water meets water quality standards for bacteria.

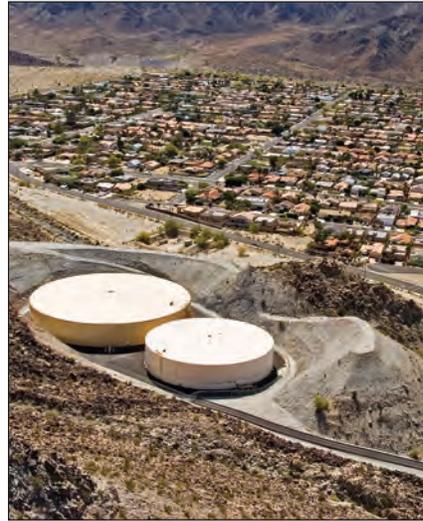


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The taste of drinking water can be affected by its source (groundwater vs. surface water), mineral content, the presence of chlorine, the type of home plumbing, and when water is not used regularly and has been sitting in the pipes for extended periods.



Sodium, iron and aluminum are some of the naturally occurring elements found in our drinking water, but well below state and federal limits. CVWD

treats the water in some areas of the eastern Coachella Valley to remove elevated levels of naturally occurring arsenic to bring it into compliance before delivering it to homes and businesses.

The level of hardness varies throughout the Coachella Valley, but is a moderate level in most areas. The level of hardness in tap water is determined by the amount of calcium and magnesium in the water, both of which are naturally occurring in the Coachella Valley.



CVWD's tap water meets all state and federal drinking water standards and does not need to be conditioned or filtered when used.



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