

Drinking Water Quality

California is home to the most rigorous drinking water protections in the world—and LA County is no exception. Every day, millions of people rely on tap water that is carefully cleaned, tested and monitored to meet strict public health and quality standards. Public water agencies are committed to delivering water that is clean, safe and reliable—at a fraction of the cost of bottled water.



Strong Oversight

Water providers are required to routinely test for hundreds of potential contaminants and must provide an annual report to customers. If an issue is ever detected, they are required to take immediate corrective action and notify the public.

Local water systems must comply with both:

- ✓ Federal regulations enforced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Safe Drinking Water Act
- ✓ State regulations enforced by the California State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water

Did you know?

California's drinking water standards are often more protective than federal requirements.



Water in Your Community

Every single year, your public water agency releases a water quality report called a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). CCRs include:

- **Where your water comes from**
- **What contaminants were tested for**
- **The results of those tests**
- **How results compare to state and federal standards**

Local water agencies typically mail CCRs to every customer and post the report on their website each year.

Visit your local water agency's website to learn more about your local water system and review water quality information specific to your community.



The Truth About Tap vs. Bottled Water

How does tap water compare to bottled water?



Tap Water

- Regulated by the EPA and State of California
- Subject to public reporting requirements
- \$0.0066/gallon
- Reduces single use plastics



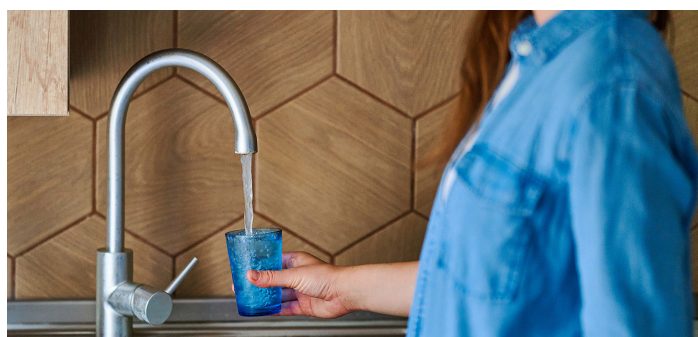
Bottled Water

- Regulated as food product by the FDA
- Not required to disclose detailed testing results
- \$10/gallon
- A major source of plastic waste



Bottled water is often sourced from the same municipal supply as tap water – it's just packaged in a bottle and sold at a premium.

Public tap water is one of the most closely monitored consumer products in the county. For most Californians, it provides a safe, affordable and environmentally responsible source of drinking water.



Learn More

Visit waterforla.com to learn more about drinking water quality in LA County.