



## What is Clean Water?

*Clean Water is the nations most valuable natural resource and is relied on for drinking, recreation, energy development , commercial fishing , tourism, manufacturing, and many other purposes that are essential to the public health and economy.*



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## Should I stop drinking my tap water?

If you are an adult with no special health concerns, and you are not pregnant, then in most cities you can drink the tap water with out worry.



However, pregnant women, very young children, the elderly, people with chronic illness, and people living with weakened immune systems, should be very careful.



In the long term, we all have reason to be concerned about pollution in tap water. The water in many cities contains pollutants which are carcinogens, which can cause cancer over time. Which is the reason to get cities to clean these contaminants out of tap water as soon as possible.

For more information: [www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org)

## Current Drinking Water Regulations

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act SDWA. EPA set legal limits on the levels of certain containments in the drinking water. The legal limits reflect the level protecting human health and the level the water systems can achieve using there best available technology. EPA rules set water testing schedules and methods water systems must follow. The rules list acceptable techniques for treating contaminated water. The SDWA gives individual states the opportunity to set and enforce their own drinking standards if the standards, are at least as strong as EPA's national standards. Most states and territories directly oversee the water systems with in which borders.



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### Did you know

- In the United States water utilities treat nearly 34 billion gallons of water each day.
- In the United States and Canada the total miles of water pipeline and aqueducts equal approximately one million miles: enough to circle the globe 40 times.
- Americans drink more than one billion glasses of tap water per day.
- Children in the first six months of life consume seven times as much water per pound as the American adult.