

# It's time you knew the **FACTS** about your drinking water

If you're like most people, you've heard plenty about the Las Vegas Valley's drinking water. What you haven't heard may surprise you.

- ◆ Southern Nevada's primary water source – the Colorado River – is among the country's cleanest. In fact, approximately 97 percent of the water drawn from Lake Mead begins as snowmelt in the Rocky Mountains.
- ◆ Virtually every surface water supply in the world contains some contaminants; however, that doesn't mean they end up in your drinking water. Las Vegas Valley Water District customers receive water treated at a highly-advanced water processing facility.
- ◆ Drinking water is subject to strict quality rules, created by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In fact, these water quality rules are much more stringent than those for bottled water.
- ◆ The Las Vegas Valley Water District tests your drinking water even more frequently and thoroughly than the EPA requires to be sure it meets Safe Drinking Water Act standards. District scientists analyze hundreds of water samples each month from throughout the valley.
- ◆ The taste many people detect in tap water is actually chlorine, added to the water for protection. Refrigerating water overnight in a glass container or adding a slice of lemon may improve the flavor.
- ◆ Our tap water's "hardness," which can make ice appear cloudy and leave deposits on household fixtures, is caused by calcium and magnesium that is in our water naturally. The water picks up these two harmless minerals as it travels down the Colorado River.
- ◆ At the Las Vegas Valley Water District, we want you to know what's in your drinking water. In the next few weeks, customers will receive the 1998 Water Quality Report, a comprehensive analysis of your drinking water that includes information relating to source water, testing and treatment, water quality test results and more.
- ◆ So if people want to talk about our drinking water, you can simply say, "I know the facts."



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