Some people may be more vulnerable to certain contaminants in water than the general population. This may be due to their age, such as infants, very young children, elderly people, or people with weakened immune systems. If you are concerned about your health, you should ask one of the following professionals for advice about drinking water and health.

**What can I do to ensure water safety?**

There may be things you can do to improve your water safety. For example,

- **Filter your water.** There are many different water filters you can use. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Be sure you change the filter when it says to change it. It is important to change the filter regularly, even if you do not see any problems.

- **Boil your water.** Boiling water for a minute is a safe way to make sure that all bacteria and viruses are removed from your drinking water. Check local news reports to see if this is a recommended action.

- **Use water softeners.** If your water is very hard, you may want to use a water softener. A water softener removes calcium and magnesium. Water softeners must be maintained and used properly to work effectively.

- **Use bottled water.** If you cannot afford a water filter or water softener, you can use bottled water. You can use bottled water for drinking, cooking, and making ice. You can use bottled water for things like flushing the toilet or watering the garden, but you do not need to use it for these things.

**What do I need to know about lead in my water?**

- **How to find out if my water has lead.** It is important to find out if your water has lead. Lead can enter drinking water from lead service lines or lead pipes and fixtures in your home.

- **How do I know if my water is safe to drink.** If you are not sure whether the water in your home is safe to drink, you should test it. You can find out how to test for lead in your home by calling your local health department or drinking water program.

**What should I do if I find lead in my water?**

- **How to reduce lead in water.** If you find lead in your water, you should try to reduce it. This can be done by using a reverse osmosis drinking water filter or by using a water filter that removes lead. You can also reduce the amount of lead in your water by boiling it for a minute before using it.

**What is the City doing to reduce lead in water?**

- **How is the City removing lead from drinking water?** The City is doing several things to remove lead from drinking water. These include:
  - Using water filters that remove lead.
  - Boiling water for a minute to remove lead.
  - Using water softeners that remove lead.

**What do I need to know about meeting water quality standards?**

- **How does the City know if the water in my home is safe?** The City tests your drinking water to make sure it is safe to drink. The City tests your drinking water for contaminants that can affect your health. The City tests your drinking water to make sure that it meets all the water quality standards.

**What do I need to know about drinking water monitoring?**

- **How often is my drinking water tested?** The City tests your drinking water about once a week. The City tests your drinking water for contaminants that can affect your health.

**What are the City's drinking water standards?**

- **What are the standards for drinking water?** The City has standards for drinking water. These standards are designed to protect your health. The City tests your drinking water to make sure that it meets all the standards.

- **How do I know if my drinking water is safe?** If your drinking water meets all the standards, it is safe to drink. If your drinking water does not meet all the standards, you should not drink it.

**What should I do if my drinking water is not safe?**

- **What should I do if my drinking water is not safe?** If your drinking water is not safe, you should not drink it. You should tell the City and your health care provider.

**What is the City doing to improve drinking water quality?**

- **What is the City doing to improve drinking water quality?** The City is doing several things to improve drinking water quality. These include:
  - Using water filters that remove contaminants.
  - Boiling water for a minute to remove contaminants.
  - Using water softeners that remove contaminants.

**What do I need to know about drinking water in my area?**

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- **How do I know if my drinking water is safe?** If your drinking water meets all the standards, it is safe to drink. If your drinking water does not meet all the standards, you should not drink it.

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