

How safe is my drinking water?

If you have your own drinking water supply – please read the Factsheet “Information for households on their own water supply” from the Community and Public Health website.

If you get your drinking water from a piped (reticulated/ mains) supply – keep reading below.

Public health staff from your local District Health Board carry out a survey every year on the quality of community drinking water supplies.

[Results are published on the Ministry of Health's Drinking Water website.](#)

It is good to see that about 80% of the population served by community drinking water supplies in New Zealand receive water that is microbiologically safe - it doesn't contain disease-causing germs.

Community and Public Health works with drinking water suppliers to improve compliance rates – for both local authorities and privately owned community supplies.

