



DID YOU KNOW
YOUR CITY IS
CONSTANTLY
WORKING TO
PROVIDE YOU SAFE
DRINKING WATER?



DRINKING WATER PROTECTION (WELLHEAD PROTECTION)

Cities are required by law to provide their citizens with safe drinking water. One way they do so is by controlling what happens in the area around the drinking water wells that affects water quality. This area is called the Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA), and some communities have adopted plans and ordinances to protect the WHPA from contamination.

If you don't drink from city water, it's up to YOU to test and treat your water to make sure it's safe to drink!

Why Care What You Drink?

- There are known health impacts for drinking contaminated water. The health impacts largely depend on the contaminant consumed.
- In Nebraska there are various contaminants sometimes found in public water systems such as coliform bacteria, arsenic, radionuclides, and nitrate. You can find levels of contaminants in your city's water by checking out the Drinking Water Watch: <https://drinkingwater.ne.gov/>

For more information on how your city's drinking water is being protected, ask your local water operator or city administrator!

Check out these websites below for online resources and information.

<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-regulations>

<http://dee.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/OnWeb/DWO>

<https://water.unl.edu/category/water-and-health>

