

Non-Drinking Water Guide

How to safely use your non-drinking water supply



Your non-drinking water supply has not been treated or disinfected. You need to boil your water before it is safe for drinking, food preparation and teeth cleaning. Boiling will kill any harmful microorganisms in the water.

Together with SA Health, we advise that you:

1. Boil non-drinking water before using it for drinking, food preparation and cleaning teeth. Boiling does not have to be maintained for any length of time. Kettles with automatic shut-offs are suitable. The water can then be cooled and stored in a clean container.
2. Always wash fruits and vegetables, including home grown, with drinking water (rain, boiled or packaged) before eating.
3. Do not connect your non-drinking mains supply to your drinking water source, e.g. rainwater tank.
4. Tell everyone who lives at your property, including visitors, to be aware of these precautions.
5. Install and maintain "Water not suitable for drinking" signs at all accessible taps connected to your non-drinking water supply. Please let us know if you require a set of these signs or stickers.

The microorganism, *Naegleria fowleri*, may be present in your non-drinking water supply.

1. Avoid swallowing water or allowing water to go up your nose when showering, bathing or using sinus irrigation products with unboiled water. Care should be taken to avoid activities that may result in water being forced up the nose including jumping, diving or falling into water.
2. Children should avoid swallowing water or getting water up their nose when bathing or playing with water, including using a hose or a paddling pool.

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3. If you use mains water in children's paddling pools, do not leave it in the pool for more than 24 hours.
4. If using your non-drinking water supply to fill your swimming pool, ensure it is disinfected with a product such as chlorine to reduce the microbiological risks. For detailed information, visit sahealth.sa.gov.au and search for "domestic swimming pools".
5. Set the temperature of storage hot water systems at 60°C or higher. (Does not apply to instant hot water systems). Care should be taken to avoid scalding.

Visit sawater.com.au for swimming pool permit requirements.

For detailed information on *Naegleria*, visit sahealth.sa.gov.au and search for "Naegleria".

We will continue to monitor your non-drinking water supply. For information about your supply please call us on **1300 SA WATER (1300 729 283)**.

Landlords are required to provide tenants a copy of this guide.

This notice relates to non-drinking water supplies in non-urban areas. If you think you have received this in error, please call us to confirm.

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