

Non-Drinking Water Guide

How to safely use your non-drinking water supply



Your non-drinking water supply has not been treated or disinfected so may contain harmful microorganisms and natural chemicals.

Boiling your water **will not** make your water safe to drink.

Together with SA Health, we advise that you:

1. Do not use the non-drinking mains water for drinking, food preparation and cleaning teeth.
2. Always wash fruits and vegetables, including home grown, with drinking water (rain or packaged) before eating.
3. Do not connect your non-drinking mains supply to your drinking water source, e.g. rainwater tank.
4. Ensure everyone who lives at your property, and visitors, are aware of these guidelines.
5. Install and maintain "Water not suitable for drinking" signs at all accessible taps connected to your non-drinking water supply. Please contact us if you require a set of 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 must be taken to avoid activities that may result in water being forced up the nose including jumping, diving or falling into water.
2. Children must avoid swallowing water or getting water up their nose when bathing or playing with water, including using a hose or a paddling pool.
3. If using your non-drinking water supply in children's paddling pools, do not leave in pool for more than 24 hours.

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4. If using your non-drinking water supply to fill your swimming pools, 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 to check 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 call us on **1300 SA WATER (1300 729 823)**.

Landlords must 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 notification in error, please call us to confirm.

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