

Water Sources

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.



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Drinking Water Requirements!*

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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The City of Newberry is a member of the Partnership for Safe Water, a cooperative effort between the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the drinking water industry to improve tap water quality.



The SC Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) is an effort to optimize the performance of existing surface water facilities. Stringent criteria must be met each year for a water treatment plant to receive the AWOP award. The City of Newberry has received the award for the last nine years.

People need safe water to drink.

The goal of the dedicated water plant and distribution operators at the City of Newberry Water Treatment Plant is to produce and maintain safe and pleasant drinking water for the City of Newberry at the lowest possible cost and the highest level of quality.

Where does my water come from?

The City of Newberry's Water Plant is classified as a surface water treatment plant. Your water comes from the Saluda River on Hwy 121 at Higgins Ferry Bridge (Nine Mile Bridge). A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) was performed by SCDHEC and results are available by visiting the website www.scdhec.net/eqc/water.html/srcwtr.html or by calling the water plant at 803-276-0311.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

