

## Low Risk of Pharmaceuticals in Public Drinking Water in Connecticut

Recent news stories from the Associated Press have featured coverage of detectable levels of pharmaceuticals found in public drinking water in a number of communities throughout the country. **We want you to know that because of unique laws in Connecticut, the issue of pharmaceuticals in public drinking water is of minimal concern.**

Current state law prohibits waste discharges into public drinking water supply sources or their tributaries. As a result, large bodies of water that receive discharges from wastewater treatment facilities, like the Connecticut River, are not used for public drinking water supply purposes in this state.



**By law, public drinking water supplies utilizing surface water (lakes, rivers, streams and reservoirs) will not be approved and sited downstream from wastewater plants in Connecticut.**

Further, utilities in Connecticut provide source protection through a multi-barrier approach including ownership of lands adjacent to water supplies or tributaries to those supplies, regular inspections and monitoring of activities in watershed or aquifer areas and extensive water quality monitoring and treatment.

Connecticut Water follows the Environmental Protection Agency's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations that set water quality standards for drinking water contaminants. We also follow the State Department of Public Health guidelines and perform more than 400 tests per day for more than 120 potential contaminants and water quality parameters



Connecticut Water is dedicated to providing you with high-quality drinking water and public health is our No. 1 concern. We will continue to follow this issue and will implement additional measures as appropriate to further protect your water supplies and maintain confidence in the water delivered to your tap.

If you need additional information on this topic or have specific questions, please feel free to contact Connecticut Water Company Customer Service staff at 1.800.286.5700.

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