

Low Risk of Pharmaceuticals in Public Drinking Water in CT



Connecticut Water, and our team of water professionals, are dedicated to providing you with high-quality drinking water. Public health is our number one concern.

While there have been issues of pharmaceuticals being found in drinking water in communities elsewhere the country, we want to assure you that there are laws and water utility practices in Connecticut that greatly mitigate that risk here.

Connecticut has uniquely stringent state laws which prohibit waste discharges into public drinking water supply sources or their tributaries.

As such, public drinking water supplies utilizing surface water (lakes, rivers, streams and reservoirs) will not be approved and sited downstream from a wastewater plant, which could discharge pharmaceutical wastes.

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 has licensed water operators at our treatment facilities and extensive water quality monitoring is done at the sources and throughout our systems. More than 400 water quality tests are conducted per day or 170,000 per year in our water systems for up to 120 water quality parameters, as required by the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

In addition, Connecticut Water follows the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations that set water quality standards for drinking water contaminants.



With these unique laws in Connecticut, the issue of pharmaceuticals in public drinking water is of minimal concern for our customers.

We will continue to take steps to protect and test your water supplies so you can have full confidence in the water delivered to your tap.

You can find the **Water Quality Report** for your community on our website at www.ctwater.com/water-quality.

If you have any questions please call our 24 hour customer service center at 1.800.286.5700.