



Water Quality

WATER QUALITY TESTING

Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is committed to protecting the health of our communities by delivering safe, high-quality tap water to customers.

- CVWD employees monitor water systems and collect more than 17,000 water samples per year.
- Water samples are tested for more than 100 regulated and unregulated substances, including tests performed at its own state-certified water quality laboratory.
- Other certified labs perform some specialized tests.
- CVWD tap water meets all state and federal standards, which are intended to protect public health.
- Results from water quality tests are available to customers at cvwd.org/WaterQuality. To request a report by mail, call (760) 391-9600.

CALIFORNIA HAS ADOPTED A MORE STRINGENT CHROMIUM-6 REGULATION

California has adopted a chromium-6 limit of 10 parts per billion (ppb), effective October 1, 2024—the only standard of its kind in the nation.

Previously, the state limit was 50 ppb for Total Chromium, and the federal limit remains 100 ppb. Total chromium includes chromium 3 and 6.

CVWD tap water remains safe and poses no immediate health risk. Chromium is naturally occurring in groundwater across the state due to the natural erosion of rocks and soil.

Compliance will require advanced treatment, costing customers over \$350 million over several years. More than 129 water suppliers are impacted by the new regulation.

Future state regulations will likely increase testing and treatment costs further. Visit cvwd.org/cr6 to learn more.

THE VALUE OF DRINKING TAP WATER

- Some brands of bottled water use tap water from another area and are a much more expensive option than your own tap water.
- Water that is bottled or sold in vending machines or water stores costs up to a thousand times more per gallon than tap water.
- On average, 7,000 glasses of tap water costs a CVWD customer only \$1. When compared with other products we use every day, tap water is clearly the best deal around.
- CVWD tap water costs less than a penny per gallon, which is a true bargain considering the energy, resources, and expertise required to treat and deliver safe and reliable water to your home every day.

HOME TREATMENT DEVICES

Drinking water provided by CVWD meets all federal and state water quality standards. Water filters may change the taste of tap water, but they are not necessary. Home treatment devices (water filters) are not needed to make water safe because CVWD’s tap water already meets very strict regulations for quality.



Your water is our promise

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