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Find Out How to Protect Yourself From Drug Contaminated Water

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In March, an Associated Press report found that traces of pharmaceuticals and drug compounds are in their drinking water of 41 million Americans. While the traces of drugs are minimal, far below the medical dose, and utility companies insist there is no danger, some scientists worry about the long-term risks to human health. Find out ways to protect yourself.



With new technology, scientists can better detect minute traces of drugs in drinking water.

- Over five months, the AP discovered drug traces in the water supplies of 24 major cities. [Find out how the water tested in your area.](#)
- Curious about your local water supply? Visit the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Web site and [learn about the quality of your water.](#)

▪ [What contaminants may be found in drinking water?](#) The EPA has put together a list of all impurities that can be found in drinking water and lists their potential effects and explains regulation practices.

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▪ The EPA offers information on how to [protect your drinking water](#) in four easy steps. Check out the [citizen's guide to source water protection](#), complete with a list of [quick things you can do around your home](#), such as limiting use of pesticides and being careful when disposing of harmful materials.

▪ ABC News asked researchers to test a widely available water filter for the home. They found it greatly reduced the traces of drugs in the water. Find the right water filter for your home with help from the [Natural Resources Defense Council](#).

▪ Communities across the country are creating drop-off locations where people can bring expired drugs to be incinerated, to prevent them from ending up in the water. [Learn more about how to get involved](#).