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Water: Keeping It Safe

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We don't often pause to consider the value of a safe, reliable water supply. The U.S. enjoys one of the best public water systems in the world. It allows us to drink from virtually any public tap with a high assurance of safety.

However, your water supply *can* become contaminated through treatment malfunctions or cracks in the pipes that carry water to your home - many of which are over one hundred years old. Contaminated water can lead to health problems, such as diarrhea or respiratory illness.

It's essential that we maintain and improve our water system infrastructure so we can continue to enjoy safe water.

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