

Minnesota Drinking Water Action Plan Overview

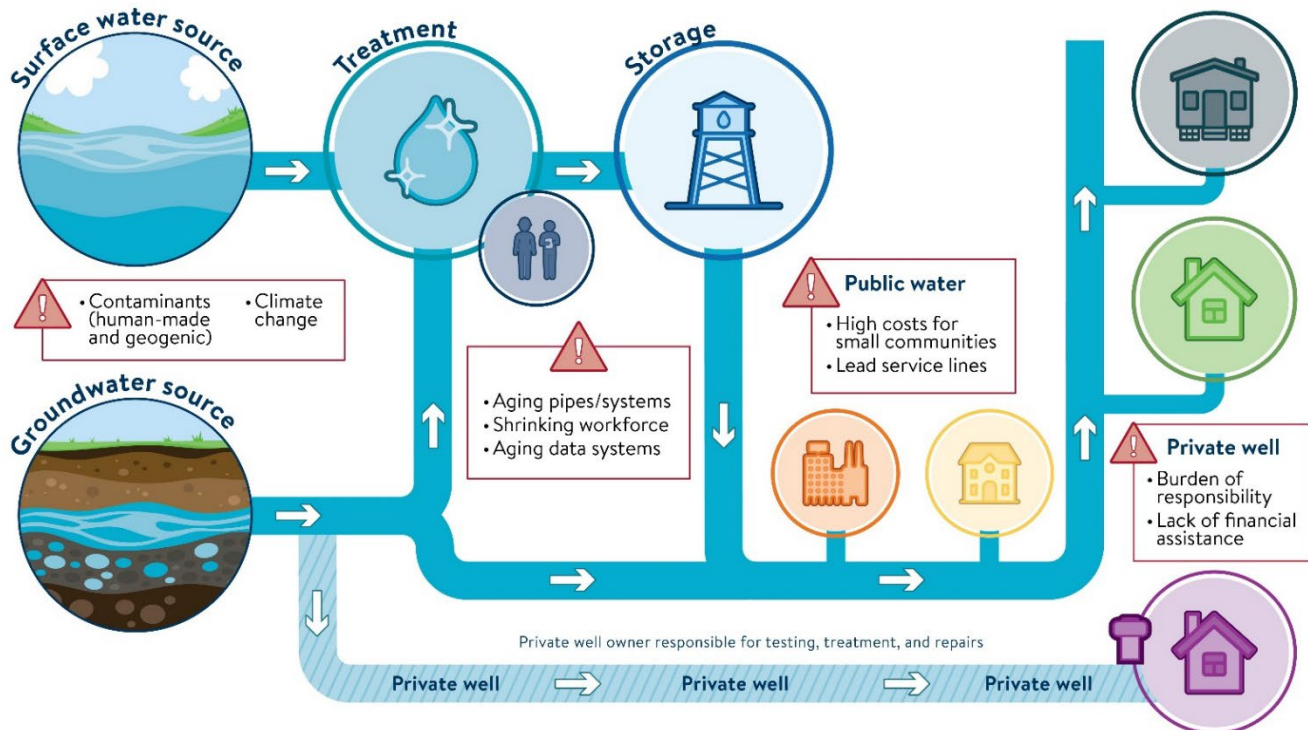
A 10-YEAR ACTION PLAN TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE IN MINNESOTA HAS EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SAFE AND SUFFICIENT DRINKING WATER

Provide input on the DRAFT Plan by October 17, 2024

You are invited to review the *DRAFT Minnesota Drinking Water Action Plan* (the Plan) and provide input. The current version incorporates expertise and feedback from water professionals; state and local governments; researchers; and Minnesotans who drink water. We gathered input and feedback through community meetings, surveys, and discussions.

Access the DRAFT Plan, feedback form, and the reports that informed the Plan at [Future of Drinking Water \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/cwf/fdw.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/cwf/fdw.html).

There are risks to our drinking water, from source to tap



Goals and strategies to address key risks

Protect sources of drinking water

- Identify and manage potential threats around drinking water sources for public water systems and private wells.
- Include drinking water considerations in land use planning and zoning decisions.
- Emphasize source water protection in watershed management plans.
- Ensure adequate supply of water for public water systems and private wells.
- Ensure laws, rules, and ordinances adequately protect sources of drinking water.

Establish resilient drinking water infrastructure

- Support communities with asset management and resiliency planning for drinking water infrastructure.
- Support and grow the public water system and licensed well contractor workforces.
- Transition from legacy data systems to modern, resilient systems.

Ensure safe tap water

- Prevent and resolve health-based violations in public water systems and private wells.
- Reduce lead in drinking water.
- Establish equitable access to private well testing and mitigation.
- Empower Minnesotans to value drinking water and take actions to sustain and protect it.

Anticipate and manage emerging risks.

- Monitor drinking water sources for emerging contaminants and pathogens.
- Understand how people's health may be affected by emerging contaminants and risks.
- Prioritize emerging risks that present the largest public health burden in the context of all contaminants.
- Advance laboratory capacity and methods to analyze for emerging risks.
- Address drinking water risks related to climate change.

Engage partners

- Communicate with and support public water suppliers and licensed well contractors.
- Provide partners and residents with data on risks and challenges to safe drinking water.
- Facilitate outreach, education and assistance to communities/residents affected by drinking water contamination.
- Leverage advisory councils to understand and prioritize challenges to safe drinking water.
- Create more public-facing (toward residents) explanations of the drinking water supply system.
- Communicate with elected officials at all levels of government regarding drinking water concerns.

Legislative direction

The 2023 Minnesota Legislature provided Clean Water Fund dollars to Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to "...develop public health policies and an action plan to address threats to safe drinking water, including development of a statewide plan for protecting drinking water..." ([Minnesota Laws of 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 7e](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2023/0/Session+Law/Chapter/40/) [<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2023/0/Session+Law/Chapter/40/>]).

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