Is my water safe?
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Do I need to take special precautions?
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?
Water supply for the Village of Ruidoso is derived from a combination of surface-and-ground water sources in the Ruidoso and Eagle Creek watersheds. Consequently, the Village’s ability to produce surface water from these sources is greatly affected by temperature and precipitation and can significantly change from year to year. The Village of Ruidoso works diligently to deliver safe drinking water in a systematic approach balancing all sources of water supply. Water delivered in 2021 was in compliance with safe water drinking standards.

Source water assessment and its availability
A source water assessment was completed in 2005. Building on that, a source water protection plan was prepared by the Village of Ruidoso in conjunction with the New Mexico Environmental Department Drinking Water Bureau was completed in 2014 and is currently being updated. A copy of the Source Water Protection Plan is available on the Village of Ruidoso’s website (www.ruidoso-nm.gov). In addition to establishing measures to monitor and protect Ruidoso’s sources of drinking water, this plan also assembles valuable information about Ruidoso’s hydrogeology and surface-and-ground water sources in the Ruidoso and Eagle Creek watersheds. Consequently, the Village’s ability to produce surface water from these sources is greatly affected by temperature and precipitation and can significantly change from year to year. The Village of Ruidoso works diligently to deliver safe drinking water in a systematic approach balancing all sources of water supply. Water delivered in 2021 was in compliance with safe water drinking standards.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity:

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Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon you will become second nature.

• Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.

• Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving up to 500 gallons a month.

• Install a new water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.

• Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full.

• Water plants only when necessary.

• Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and can save you up to 1,000 gallons a month.

• Shave and save up to 500 gallons a month.

• Place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

• Decorate your garden with native plants that are native to your area. They require less water and will look beautiful.

• Water your lawn during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.

• Plant trees and shrubs that provide shade to the lawn and garden.

• Fix leaky faucets and toilets.

• Fix leaky showers and bathtubs.

• Use a drip irrigation system for your garden. It will save water and keep weeds from growing.

• Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.

• Reduce sprinkler run times to once or twice a week. Always follow the latest watering guidelines for your area.

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