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## Safe Drinking Water Guidelines

The City cannot guarantee the safety of the water from alternative sources, as it is not part of the rigorously tested formal municipal water supply provision.

The only source of safe drinking water remains the municipal water provided through the reticulation system. The water is sampled across Cape Town on a weekly basis and analysed at the City's accredited Scientific Services Laboratory. The municipal water continues to comply with the standards as stipulated in the SANS 241 standard for drinking water.

If you are obtaining water from various alternative sources, such as streams, springs and boreholes for drinking purposes it is essential that you make the water safe to drink.

We recommend you use either of the following methods to ensure the water you use from alternative sources is safe to drink, from a microbiological point of view:

- Boil the water for at least one minute, allow it to cool down and store it in clean and sanitised containers.
- Use unperfumed household bleach to disinfect water. The World Health Organisation recommends adding 5 millilitres (1 teaspoon) of unperfumed household bleach to 25 litres of water. Let the water stand for at least 30 minutes before using it.
- Use water disinfection tablets. Follow the instructions prescribed by the respective manufacturers to ensure the safety of the water for drinking purposes.

Please note: We do not recommend using water from alternative sources for prolonged periods of time, as some groundwater has a high chemical content and may be harmful to your health.