

## *Drinking Water Some Households Rely On Untreated Water From Irrigation*







### **Drinking Water Some Households Rely**

Pursuant to a congressional request, GAO provided information on the: (1) location and number of households that rely on irrigation systems or other special purpose water systems for some or all of their residential water needs; (2) cost of the water used by such households and the cost and feasibility of alternative sources; and (3) implementation issues that are likely to affect the states ...

### **U.S. GAO - Drinking Water: Some Households Rely on ...**

Most Americans obtain their residential drinking water from public water systems regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act. However, in some instances, American households have not had access to public water systems and have relied instead on untreated water from irrigation systems or other "special purpose" water systems. This practice has

### **RCED-98-244 Drinking Water: Some Households Rely on ...**

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### **Drinking water : some households rely on untreated water ...**

Household water treatment and safe storage (HWTS) interventions can lead to dramatic improvements in drinking water quality and reductions in diarrhoeal disease—making an immediate difference to the lives of those who rely on water from polluted rivers, lakes and, in some cases, unsafe wells or piped water supplies.

### **WHO | Household water treatment and safe storage**

The term, improved water source refers to "piped water on premises (piped household water connection located inside the user's dwelling, plot or yard), and other improved drinking water sources (public taps or standpipes, tube wells or boreholes, protected dug wells, protected springs, and rainwater collection)".

### **Drinking water - Wikipedia**

Nationally, 11 percent of the community water systems rely primarily on surface water, 74 percent on groundwater, and 15 percent on purchased water. In Appalachia, the corresponding proportions are 18 percent, 58 percent, and 24 percent.

### **2 Water and Wastewater Services in Appalachia**

Another approximately 13 million households in the United States rely on private drinking water wells that supply water to an individual residence or a private water system that serves no more than 25 people at least 60 days of the year and has no more than 15 service connections. The safety of that water is the responsibility of homeowners and is not regulated by the federal government.

### **The Importance of Clean Water - Water Footprint Calculator**

Private Drinking Water Wells. It is estimated that more than 13 million households rely on private wells for drinking water in the United States (US Census American Housing Survey 2015). EPA does not regulate private wells nor does it provide recommended criteria or standards for individual wells.

### **Private Drinking Water Wells | US EPA**

It is important that private ground water wells are checked regularly to ensure that the water is safe for drinking. Typically, private water systems that serve no more than 25 people at least 60 days of the year and have no more than 15 service connections are not regulated by the EPA. U.S. Census Bureau.

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Drinking bottled water is also very common. And according to a 2013 report by consumer insight company Kantar Worldpanel, around 40 percent of Philippine households rely on water refilling ...

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The centralized drinking water supply infrastructure in the United States consists of dams and reservoirs, well fields, pumping stations, aqueducts for the transport of large quantities of water over long distances, water treatment plants, reservoirs in the distribution system (including water towers), and 1.8 million miles of distribution lines.

**Drinking water supply and sanitation in the United States ...**

Be Well Wise. The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment regulate public water systems, but about 350,000 Maryland households rely on their own private wells as a drinking water supply. These households should take precautions to ensure the protection and maintenance of their wells.

**Be Well Wise - Maryland Department of the Environment**

Nriagu said households that rely on these sources for their drinking water can face “exactly the same” issues as when drinking straight from the tap. Public perceptions Many residents here continue to favor drinking bottled water because they are worried about the quality of Qatar’s tap water.

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