

# Info Note: Your Water Supply – Is it Safe?

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An adequate safe water supply is essential for healthy living. Council, under its Town Planning Scheme and other legislation, requires you to have storage of at least 92,000 litres or another source, eg. bore water of sufficient quantity and quality to satisfy Public Health and fire-fighting requirements.

## Bore, Rain, Dam or Creek?

### Bore Water

The quality and quantity of water from bores varies considerably in the Shire and could contain matter which could be prejudicial to health or be damaging to plumbing, or cause staining to stonework or laundry. It is, therefore, essential that an analyst's report is obtained and this requirement is a condition on your Building Licence.

### Rain Water

Rain water may make a nice cup of tea but remember it may not be pristine. Tanks can become contaminated from organic matter, bird droppings or dead animals so it is advisable to have a filter which will remove bacteria or some other form of disinfection. Rain water tanks should be cleaned out at least every two years and a dose of chlorine should be added before refilling. If water is tanked in at any time, it is also good practice to chlorinate before the tanker arrives. This helps kill any bacteria stirred up by the addition of the water.

### Dam or Creek Water

All dam and creek water should be considered polluted and must have a permanent, efficient water purification system.

### Water Treatment

Treatments can include the following:

Chlorination	Aeration	Ultra Violet	Settling
Filtration	Flocculation	Softening	

Testing Laboratories and Water Treatment Companies can be obtained from the Yellow Pages and the Internet.

Reminder: prior to occupancy, an analyst's report is required to be carried out by Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale – Environmental Health Officers (08) 9526 1111.

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