

Darlington Water Supply

NOTICE

The water you are supplied with is non-drinking water. Non-drinking water is not fit for drinking, food preparation, cleaning teeth or activities such as bathing and showering where consumption is possible.

Non-drinking water is also referred to as non-potable water, untreated water, raw water and in the case of Darlington regulated water.



Non-drinking Water
Not suitable for drinking,
food preparation or other
forms of consumption.



The non-drinking water Wannon Water supplies you is sourced from a local groundwater bore. The water may contain levels of **arsenic**, **lead** and or **micro-organisms** in excess of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

The non-drinking water supplied to you is not treated. There is no protection against disease causing organisms that may contaminate the water. There is also no control over the concentration of arsenic naturally occurring in the bore water.

Please ensure that **visitors to your home / business**
do not ingest the non-drinking water.

Landlords please **notify tenants** that non-drinking water
is not suitable for drinking or food preparation.

Managers of facilities where non-drinking water taps are accessible to the public
(such as recreation reserves and public halls) should **erect and maintain signs**
notifying that the water is not suitable for drinking or other forms of consumption.

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What would happen if I consumed the water?

- Drinking untreated water that is contaminated with micro-organisms can lead to illnesses such as gastroenteritis and diarrhoea.
- Drinking water with arsenic levels in excess of the Australian Drinking Water guidelines (greater than 0.007 mg/L) may have an impact on individuals in the long term.
- Drinking water with lead levels in excess of the Australian Drinking Water guidelines (greater than 0.01 mg/L) may have an impact on individuals in the long term.

Water Quality Parameter	How these parameters impact on the use of water
Escherichia Coli (Bacteria)	Drinking untreated water that is contaminated with micro-organisms can lead to illnesses such as gastroenteritis and diarrhoea. These micro-organisms are not visible to the naked eye and may be present in water that appears to be clear.
Arsenic	Drinking water with arsenic levels in excess of the Australian Drinking Water guidelines (greater than 0.007 mg/L) may have an impact on individuals' health in the long term.
Lead	Drinking water with lead levels in excess of the Australian Drinking Water guidelines (greater than 0.01 mg/L) may have an impact on individuals' health (central nervous system) in the long term.
Manganese and Iron	Iron and Manganese colour the water and can stain plumbing fixtures and laundry
Hardness	Darlington's water is considered to be very hard which can result in scale forming on hot water pipes and fittings.
Salts	Over the past 12 months Darlington's water quality averaged 4900 uS/cm electrical conductivity – which is a measure of salt or salinity. Water of this salinity is suitable for use on plants that are tolerant to salinity.

What can the non-drinking water can be used for?

- Toilet flushing – note high manganese and iron levels may result in staining of the toilet bowl.
- Laundry use - note high manganese and iron levels may result in staining of laundry. The hardness of the water may also result in scaling of hot water pipes.
- Garden use – note consideration needs to be given to the salt tolerance of the plants and lawn areas being watered.
- Water source for stock and domestic animals

**Wannon Water can supply you with stickers stating -
“Non-drinking Water: Not suitable for drinking, food preparation
or other forms of consumption”.**

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