

## Message from Water Quality & Treatment Administrator Teresa Gray



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Here at Salt Lake City's Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU), one of our goals is to always deliver the best drinking water possible. This means water that meets or exceeds all state and federal regulations. Thanks to the Safe Drinking Water Act and related efforts, the United States is fortunate to have one of the safest public drinking water supplies in the world. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets legal limits on over 90 contaminants in drinking water. The legal limit for a contaminant reflects the level that protects human health and that water systems can achieve using the best available technology.

Not all additives are bad. Some things are added to water supplies to improve its quality, such as the appropriate amount of disinfectant that keeps your water safe from harmful germs. EPA rules also set water-testing schedules and methods which water systems must follow. All this information is summarized annually in our Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs), also known as water quality reports, or drinking water quality reports. SLCDPU's CCR documents are available for anyone to review [online](#).

The CCR provides you with important information about the quality of your drinking water. The report contains information on where your water comes

from, what it contains, educational information, potential health effects, and how it compares to the standards outlined in federal and state regulations.

Salt Lake City's primary water sources are mountain streams including City Creek, Parleys Creek, Big Cottonwood Creek, and Little Cottonwood Creek, which are in the protected watersheds located south and east of Salt Lake City in the Wasatch Mountains.

Just like our Wasatch Mountain streams, our groundwater must be protected. SLCDPU's wells and springs are spread across the valley from Cottonwood Heights to the mouth of City Creek Canyon. The quality of our groundwater is affected by what happens on the ground above. Never dispose of chemicals or hazardous materials on the ground. These materials can migrate through the soil and impact groundwater. Properly dispose of waste such as gasoline, oils, pesticides, paints, and antifreeze. Use pesticides and fertilizer sparingly. Always pick up animal waste. Actions taken on the surface can impact the groundwater we drink. Help protect this essential resource!

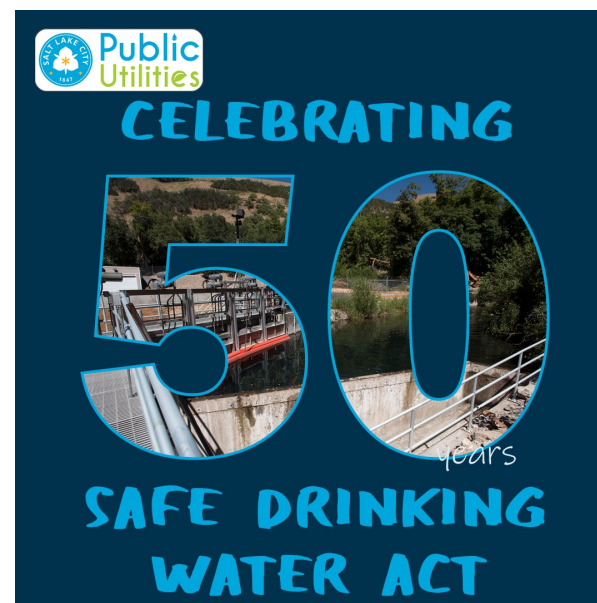
Providing safe drinking water is a partnership that involves everyone! Help us continue to provide you with the best water possible.

[Review SLCDPU's Consumer Confidence Reports](#)

## Get Involved!

- **Join the team!** We're hiring. Explore career opportunities and submit your application on [Salt Lake City's Careers website](#).
- **Did you know the Public Utilities Advisory Committee (PUAC) meets monthly?** These meetings are open to the public. Visit [their webpage](#) to learn more about these meetings and the function of our PUAC.
- **Follow SLCDPU on social media!** Find us on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

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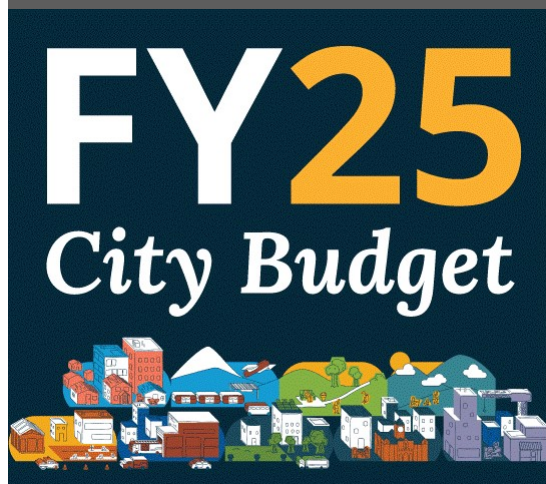


*Originally enacted in 1974, the Safe Drinking Water Act turns 50 this year! Visit the [EPA's website](#) to learn more about the history of the Safe Drinking Water Act and how it protects our health and the water we drink.*

## Project Updates

Salt Lake City's Department of Public Utilities manages a number of construction projects to maintain and improve our system. Many of these projects are smaller in scale but we've highlighted a few of our larger projects below. If you're interested in learning more about other SLCDPU projects, please [visit our website](#).

- **Street Lighting Implementation Plan:** We are seeking feedback from community members to inform implementation of Salt Lake City's Street Lighting Master Plan. We invite you to take our [online survey](#) to share your thoughts about the City's street lighting. Responses to this survey will be combined with other data, such as public safety and collision data, to prioritize future street lighting projects.
- **Rain Barrels & Grass Seed:** SLCDPU is excited to offer community members access to rain barrels and/or grass seed this year. [Rain barrels](#) empower individuals or families to capture rain water so that it can be reapplied to your landscaping. Specially-formulated, low-water [grass seed](#) was locally developed at Utah State University and is ideal for Utah's climate. If you're looking to step up your water conservation habits this year, look no further than rain barrels or grass seed!



## Budget Season is Here!

The Salt Lake City Council has begun discussing the Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25) City budget! The budget is one of the Council's strongest policy-making tools.

At the beginning of each year, the Mayor works with each City department to draft a recommended budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Council

meets weekly in May and June to review, discuss, and fine-tune the budget according to its priorities and public input. Learn more about the FY25 budget at [tinyurl.com/SLCFY25](https://tinyurl.com/SLCFY25).



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