

# Public Health

In a world where an estimated 3 million people die every year from preventable waterborne disease, our water systems allow us to drink from virtually any public tap with a high assurance of safety. Each community water supply meets rigorous federal and state health-protective standards.



Saint Paul Regional Water Services has been the source for reliable, quality water for more than 140 years.

Reliable, quality water has made it possible to put out fires and protect property, establish and grow businesses and manufacturing facilities, eliminate water-borne illnesses and increase life expectancy.

Water is essential to life.

The employees of Saint Paul Regional Water Services take great pride in providing more than 415,000 residents in Saint Paul and the surrounding communities with a reliable supply of this priceless commodity.

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# Only Tap Water Delivers®





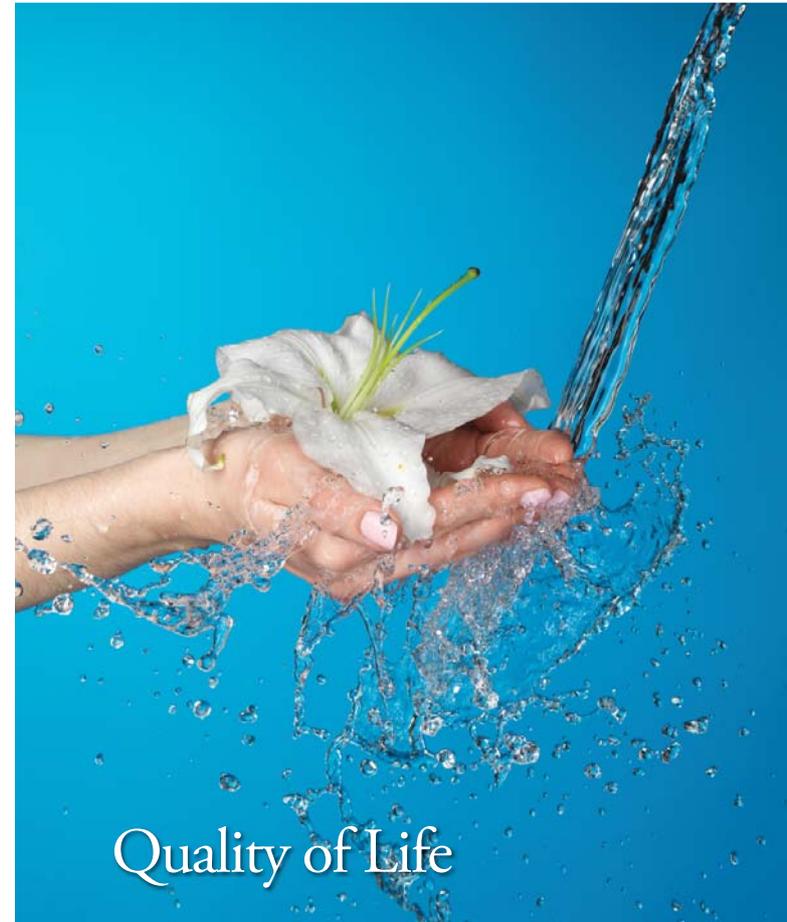
## Fire Protection

A well-maintained water system is critical in protecting our communities from the ever-present threat of fire. A system that provides reliable water at an adequate pressure can be the difference between a small fire and an urban inferno. The ability to suppress fires also influences new home construction, business location decisions and insurance rates.



## Support for the Economy

Businesses or housing developments do not succeed without a safe and sustainable water supply. Tap water is critical to businesses' day-to-day operations and is often a primary ingredient in the products they create. The incredible value of water is magnified during times of drought and when populations expand into arid climates.



## Quality of Life

Any measure of a successful society—low mortality rates, economic diversity, productivity, and public safety—is in some way related to access to safe water. In North America, we sometimes take for granted that safe water is always accessible to drink, to wash our clothes, to water our lawns and for a myriad of other purposes.