

Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From?



Make a list of the resources you will use to research your local water supply.

Research the following questions, and write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1** What is the source of your drinking water: groundwater or surface water?
- 2** Who supplies the water to your home: a city or county water department, private utility, or a private well?
- 3** Describe how water gets from its source to your faucet.
- 4** How is the water treated to make it safe?
- 5** How often is the water tested?
- 6** What contaminants, if any, have been found in your water supply? (Refer to your town's annual water quality report.) What action was taken?
- 7** What are some possible sources of water pollution in your community?
- 8** Has your community ever put restrictions on water use? Describe the restrictions and the reasons for them.