Raising a glass to

UTAH’S DRINKING WATER

It may surprise many Utahns to learn how lucky they are when it comes to clean tap water. Drinking water, however, doesn’t just happen. **The Utah Division of Drinking Water** regulates more than **1,000** drinking water systems serving more than **3 million** Utah residents.

Utah is the 2nd driest state in the U.S.A. with an average annual rainfall of **14.08** inches.

Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant, the first water treatment plant in Utah, was built in 1960 and designed to treat **150 million gallons per day**.

In 2014, Salt Lake City was declared the champion in a national taste test conducted by the American Water Works Association.

America’s municipal water systems are responsible for more than **1.2 million miles** of water mains.

75% of the American population fall short of the **10** daily cups of drinking water prescribed by the U.S. Institute of Medicine.

The Division of Drinking Water monitors Utah’s public drinking water closely—ensuring the quality of tap water. Point-of-use devices, like home water filters, can grow harmful bacteria when filters are not regularly changed and cannot always be trusted.

789

The number of Utah small water systems that serve less than 500 people and are staffed by part-time or volunteer staff certified by the Utah Division of Drinking Water.

80%

The percentage of all illnesses in the developing world that are water related.

358

Utah community water systems that use only groundwater sources for drinking water. This is nearly **75%** of the total community water systems.

For more information on Utah’s drinking water, visit deq.utah.gov.