

Drinking Water Treatment

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Importance of Water



- Looking at water, you might think that it's the most simple thing around.
- > Pure water is colorless, odorless, and tasteless.
- > But it's not at all simple and plain and it is vital for all life on Earth.
- > Where there is water there is life, and where water is scarce, life has to struggle or just "throw in the towel."

"Water is life"



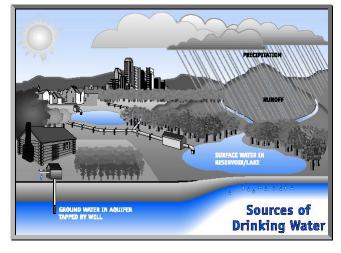


- > Water is of major importance to all living things.
- Up to 60 percent of the human body is Water.
- Therefore the quality of Water we drink is very important.
- > The Drinking Water should be totally clean, pure and free of any disease-causing MICROBES, and that's why it should be properly Treated and DISINFECTED before using it for drinking purpose.



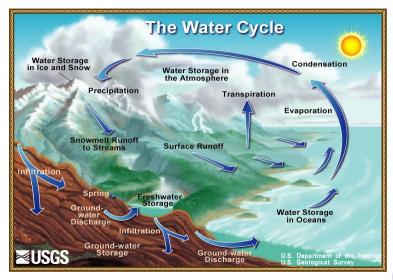
Where does the Water come from?

- surface waters (lakes, rivers, and reservoirs)
- groundwater (wells).





The Water Cycle







Drinking Water

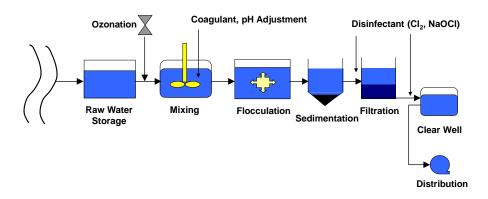


- Jordan has scarce water supplies in the world.
- In recent years, microbial contamination of the water supply has led to highly publicized outbreaks of disease, causing illness and even death.
 - > How safe is our water?
 - Where do these infectious microbes come from?
 - How is water treated now and what's being done to make it even safer?





Surface Water Treatment Plant

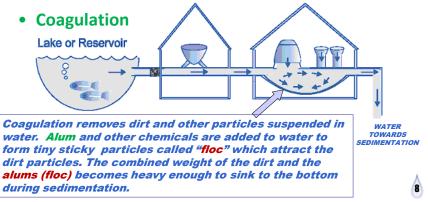






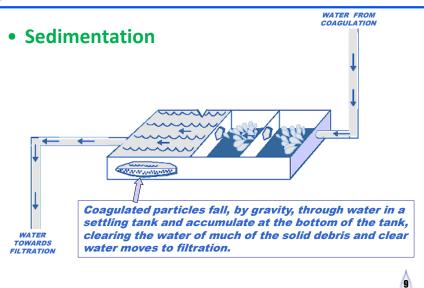
Water Treatment

- Water treatment transforms raw surface and groundwater into safe drinking water.
- Water treatment involves two major processes: physical removal of solids and chemical disinfection.





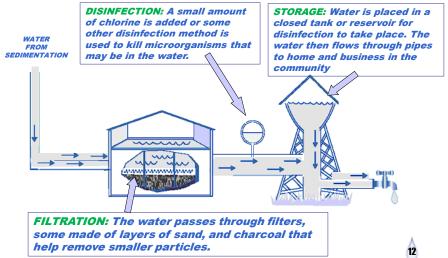
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Water Treatment

• Filtration, Disinfection & Storage





Water Disinfection

Purpose of Disinfection

To make Drinking water free of any disease causing bacteria and microbes.

Methods of Disinfection

- > 3 mainly used disinfection methods at large scale:
 - > CHLORINATION
 - > OZONATION
 - > ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION





Water Disinfection

Chlorination

- Chlorine is the most common cost-effective means of disinfecting water.
- The addition of a small amount of chlorine is highly effective against most bacteria, viruses, and protozoa.
- But cysts (durable seed-like stages) formed by parasitic protozoa such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia can survive chlorine.
- Chlorine is applied to water in one of three forms: elemental chlorine (chlorine gas), hypochlorite solution (bleach), or dry calcium hypochlorite. All three forms produce free chlorine in water







Water Disinfection

Ozonation

- > OZONE is the strongest oxidant/disinfectant available.
- > More effective against microbes than chlorination.

But, costly and difficult to monitor and different condition.

Ozonation Process

Ozone (O₃) is generated on-site at water treatment facilities by passing dry oxygen or air through a system of high voltage electrodes.









Water Disinfection

Ultraviolet Radiation

When UV radiation penetrates the cell wall of an organism, it damages genetic material, and prevents the cell from reproducing.



- Now a days emerging technology made UV radiation to find a place in both household and large scale drinking water disinfection.
- How is UV light generated?
 - Ultraviolet light is most typically generated from a low pressure or a medium pressure lamp generating UV light.





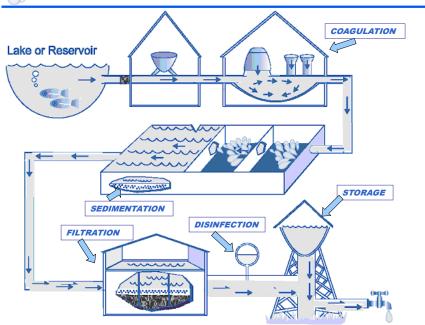
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COMPLETE CYCLE OF WATER TREATMENT



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