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The Value of Your Tap Water

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Carmichael – Tap water is an essential part of our daily lives, but when was the last time you stopped to think about your water? If your answer is not often then you're not alone – yet, tap water provides a variety of beneficial uses many of us may not often consider.

The number one goal of any water supplier is to provide a safe and reliable product for its consumers. Each year, Carmichael Water District and other water providers are required to produce and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report that provides customers with detailed information about the sources and quality of its drinking water. The report summarizes testing of drinking



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water during the past year and includes a comparison of each district's water quality to standards set by the California Department of Public Health and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The majority of water supply systems utilize the same tap water you drink to protect communities from fire dangers. It is crucial that the water systems be maintained in order to provide a reliable water source to fight fires. In most communities firefighters are the primary users of fire hydrants, but the water districts are responsible for the maintenance. The maintenance of water systems is supported through water rates and fees.

Tap water is an essential part of our economy. From restaurants and schools to manufacturers, most business would come to a halt without a reliable supply of tap water.

Finally tap water provides a greater quality of life. Imagine how local parks would look without tap water to provide irrigation. Tap water is so ingrained in our everyday lives that we could hardly go a day without it to cook with, irrigate our lawns and provide for our sanitary needs. The next time you turn on the faucet just imagine all the wondrous qualities that tap water provides.