

## Something in the water

### Where does water come from?

People who live in towns or cities usually get their water from the mains supply. This water is treated and supplied to houses by Scottish Water.

People in the countryside often use a private water supply. These can supply just one house or many, and can even supply businesses. Although a river or loch could be classed as a private water supply, most people will get their water from a well or spring.



### What lurks in the water?

Bugs (bacteria, viruses and protozoa) from animal faeces (poo) on fields can be washed into springs, wells, lochs and burns. This means that private water supplies which haven't been through a treatment plant can have bugs living in them that are harmful to human health.

They can cause stomach upsets and make you feel very poorly.

