

Your Health: Facts for Navy Families in Naples

About: How to Seek Assistance if You Have Tap Water Concerns

An important Public Health Evaluation was completed under the guidance of the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center. The Public Health Evaluation was designed to evaluate the potential short and long-term health risks associated with living in the Naples area as a result of inadequate trash collection, uncontrolled open burning of uncollected trash, and widespread dumping of waste, including chemical and other hazardous waste.

Launched in 2008, the Public Health Evaluation involved the collection of air, water, soil and soil gas samples from throughout the region to identify whether there were potential health risks.

For details and background information, visit the website listed at the bottom of this page.

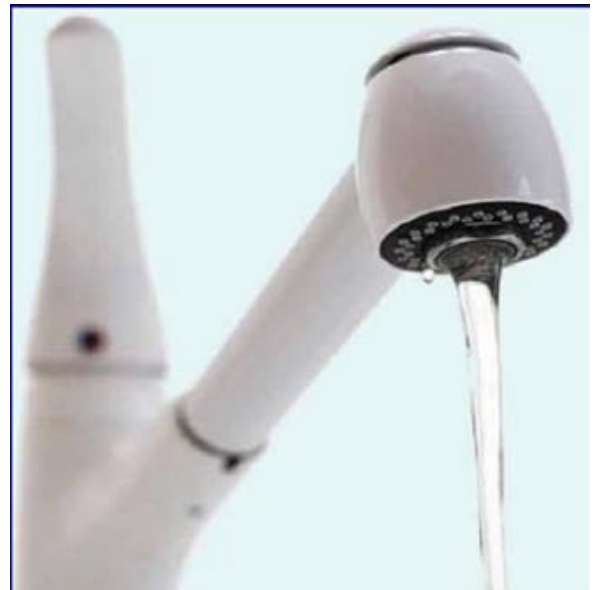
The U.S. Navy is committed to ensuring our families are safe while serving our country at home or overseas. The following information is provided as part of a wide-ranging effort to understand the health risks of our personnel and families living in Naples, Italy. A comprehensive Public Health Evaluation was completed to assess potential short and long-term health risks associated with living in the Naples area (see left panel). In line with our commitment to continually share important health information, we encourage you to review the following information.

The purpose of this fact sheet is to help U.S. Navy personnel in Naples seek and obtain assistance to address health-related concerns about the tap water at their rental property.

What has the Navy learned about tap water at off-base residences?

Tap water sampling conducted as part of the Naples Public Health Evaluation revealed the occasional presence of bacterial and chemical contamination. The presence of contaminated tap water, found primarily in homes with non-permitted, private wells, prompted the Navy to issue a Bottled Water Advisory in July 2008 for Navy personnel living off-base. In addition, the Navy developed new health protective lease clauses for off-base rentals. The new lease agreement requires landlords to provide bottled water from an approved Navy vendor; to clean the home's water holding tank and related piping twice a year; and to connect the home to the public water supply (or prove the private well is legal) and disconnect non-permitted wells.

While these actions have been taken by the Navy, in cooperation with landlords, to provide a safe and healthy living environment, there still may be questions about who you should contact if you have concerns about the tap water at your residence.



Who do I contact if I have health-related concerns about the tap water at my residence?

The first person to contact about your concerns is your landlord. First, please ensure that your landlord is complying with the Navy's lease requirements and that your residence is connected to the public water supply (or a permitted well), disconnected from non-permitted, private wells and that the water holding tank is sanitized every six months. If your landlord is not complying, please contact the NSA Naples Housing Office at 081-811-4466. If your concerns are unrelated to the above lease requirements, share your concerns with your landlord.

Where can I get more help?

The NSA Naples Housing Office can assist you in communicating with your landlord and with appropriate Italian regulatory agencies. The Housing Office can be reached at 081-811-4466 or 314-629-4466 (DSN).

If you have other environmental health-related concerns, contact the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Public Health. Staff are available to assist you and can be reached at 081-811-6457 or 314-629-6457 (DSN).



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