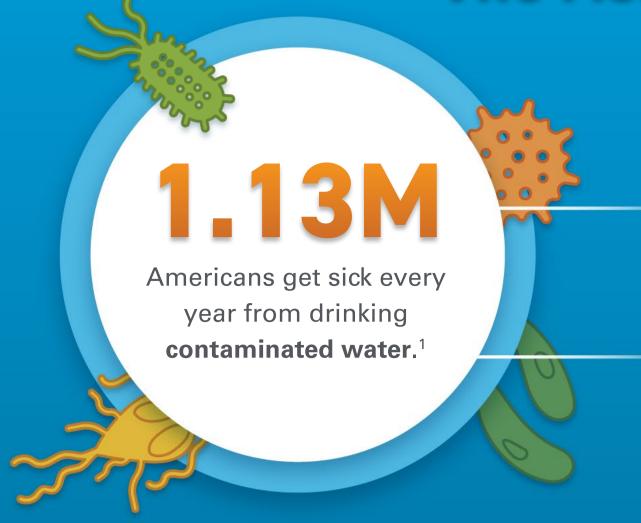
The Costs of Microbial Contamination





of cases were caused by norovirus.1

of cases were caused by chlorineresistant giardia and cryptosporidium.1



of waterborne illness-related hospitalizations were caused by drinking water.1

50%

deaths were caused by drinking water.1

of waterborne illness-related

33% of reported waterborne

disease outbreaks were related to private wells.2

The costs add up.



\$470 \$1,013

lost productivity.4 The average cryptosporidium case

\$470 in medical treatment and

The average *norovirus* case costs

costs \$1,013 in medical treatment and lost productivity.5

the unpleasant nature of being sick with stomach issues.

And then there's the unquantifiable aspect—

So, what can you do?



Turn to bottled water.

drinking and cooking

of water a day for

2 gallons

Using bottled water for these tasks is impractical.

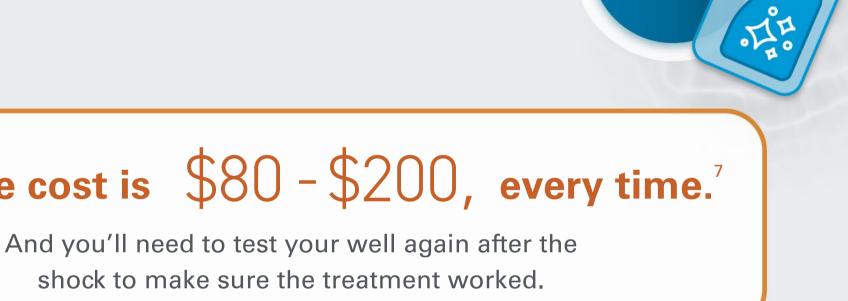
But what about showering? Or brushing your teeth?

\$1.23 per gallon

the wholesale cost of bottled water⁶

Average cost is \$80 - \$200, every time.

Shock your well with chlorine.

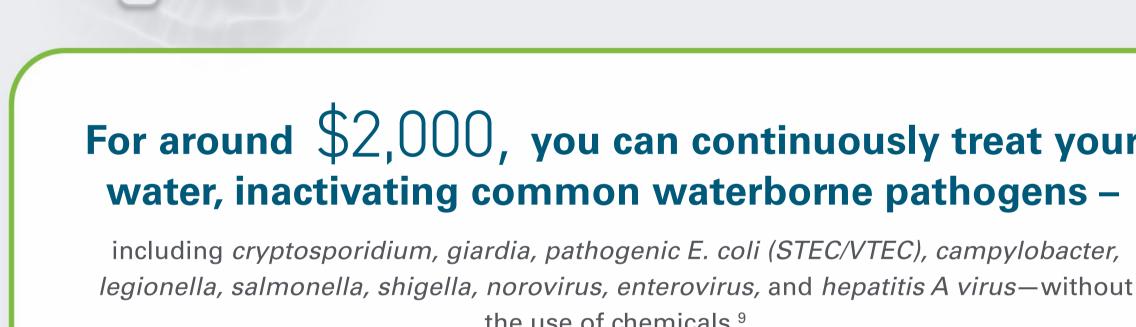


Shock chlorination is a short-term fix to a long-term problem.

Once a well has been contaminated, it's highly likely to become contaminated again.

shock to make sure the treatment worked.

Install a VIQUA whole-home



The UV lamp

uses the same

amount of energy

as a 40-watt

lightbulb.

(system)

For around \$2,000, you can continuously treat your water, inactivating common waterborne pathogens including cryptosporidium, giardia, pathogenic E. coli (STEC/VTEC), campylobacter,

UV water treatment system

for consistently better water.8

UV: the simple, reliable, and affordable path to better water.

the use of chemicals.9



cost over 10 years)

\$55.12 a year

.04 kW X 8,760 hours a year = 350 kWh @

\$0.1573 (average electricity cost in the U.S.)¹⁰

\$2,000 \$2,250 \$551 \$4,801 (average maintenance (average electrical

over 9 years)

Because it's always time for better

quality water, invest in VIQUA.

Get peace of mind and protect the well-being of your

family for just \$480 a year or \$1.32 a day.

Contact the water treatment professionals at:

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⁸Versus identical incoming water that is not treated with a UV system. Based on internal efficacy testing, VIQUA UV treatment systems, when installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and with use of a VIQUA UV lamp that is within its expected life, and subject to mechanical and water quality variables, can inactivate common waterborne pathogens. Actual efficacy of any particular VIQUA UV system will be dependent upon mechanical and water quality variables, including incoming water quality, the specific pathogen(s) present, age of UV light bulb, etc. Accordingly, no guarantee can be provided of actual percentage of common waterborne pathogens inactivated in an application.

⁹Efficacy of VIQUA UV systems has been demonstrated in internal testing using surrogate

organisms, specifically MS2 Phage. MS2 is a well-documented surrogate organism that

is accepted in the water treatment industry in the design and testing of UV systems being used to treat cryptosporidium and giardia. Contact VIQUA for the details on internal testing performed. ¹⁰EnergyBot. Data pulled on March 18, 2024.