

Good Water

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There are a lot of organisms in tap water that can cause harm to people. Normally, these tiny, microscopic organisms are harmless, but for those with weakened immune systems due to an organ transplant, HIV or AIDS, chemotherapy, or other conditions, these organisms can be potentially fatal.

Recently, the Good Water Company, Inc., headed by president Mike Paice, announced a solution for people living with weakened immune systems: Pure-O-Flow, a reverse osmosis water filtration system providing bottle-quality water to the entire home.

Using GE-patented technology, Pure-O-Flow successfully removes practically all the substances found in tap water by passing it through a series of filters and membranes, removing up to 98 percent of substances typically found in local water.

"This is great news for people who need to distill or drink only bottled water," said Paice. "Now, people can drink from any faucet in their home and know they are drinking the purest water possible and feel confident in knowing they will not be harmed from it."

Two diseases with a big presence in U.S. water are cryptosporidiosis and toxoplasmosis. Cryptosporidiosis, better known as "crypto," is one of the more common waterborne illnesses and is communicable. In addition, this diarrhea disease is very resistant to chlorine disinfection, an oft-used method to treat water. While crypto lasts only a few days in a normal person, it can be fatal in someone with a weakened immune system. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the cure for the illness, ironically, is consuming more water—*purified* water.

"It is an enormous boost for the reverse osmosis industry that the CDC recommends reverse osmosis filtration as the best protection against crypto," said Paice. "While they also say some other filters may work, the reverse osmosis system is the preeminent."

Toxoplasmosis, a disease from a single-celled parasite, has infected more than 60 million people. Most immune systems fight off the illness before symptoms arise, while the parasite lies dormant. However, for those with a weakened immune system, fighting off the disease is not as easy. The first signs of contamination include flu-like symptoms and achy muscles. In rare cases, brain, nerve, and eye damage can result. The CDC recommends a blood test for people who think they are infected with this disease.

"The bottom line is that there are numerous organisms in the water than can impact the health of someone with a weak immune system," said Paice. "It is easier to eliminate the issue by using a reverse osmosis system in the home to provide pure water than it is to be infected and undergo treatment for these diseases."

Good Water Company, at 4280 W. Reno Ave., Suite F, specializes in providing reverse osmosis water products for the entire home, as well as for businesses and restaurants. The company offers numerous products designed to fit various needs. Pure-O-Flow, the whole-house reverse osmosis water filtration system, is distributed in Las Vegas by Diamond Water. More information can be found at www.pureoflow.com or by calling (702) 243-9400.

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