

Wildlife



Many of us love living in Boulder City because of the wide open desert and National Park that surrounds our community. This provides excellent outdoor recreation opportunities, not only for two legged animals, but also for many four legged and eight legged creatures. Some home and business owners struggle to control the pest population taking over their home, office or restaurant. Warmer temperatures, additional access to food sources, and increased daylight proliferate all kinds of pest's lifecycles.

Rodents are one of the most common desert pests that can move in. They may be cute, but they can destroy furniture, food containers, personal belongings and spread disease. Other pests native to the Mojave Desert include, ants, roaches, silverfish, spiders, scorpions, and pigeons.

So what can you do to protect your home or business? Here are some tips that can help you avoid these unwanted roommates:

- Never leave food or scraps out on the counters or dirty dishes in the sink.
- Always make sure your garbage containers are put away and tightly sealed.
- Place pet food in pest-proof containers made of heavy plastic or metal.
- Make sure to pick up rotten fruits and vegetables from your backyard trees or garden.
- Check all of your windows and doors for cracks and seal if necessary. You can caulk window sills and replace rubber stoppers on doors. Make sure there are no missing screens on your windows.
- Set up traps and bait stations around the affected areas.
- Spray the perimeter of your home with insecticides and pesticides as needed. Diatomaceous earth is also a great natural way to deter insects from entering your home or business.



If do-it-yourself methods are not working, you will need to call a licensed professional to come to your home or place of business. Here are some licensed professionals serving Boulder City that can give you a hand (listed in alphabetical order):

- Boulder City Pest Control, located in Boulder City – (702) 293-1822
- Bug Patrol Pest Pros – located in Boulder City – (702) 287-5911
- Bugworks Pest Control, Henderson, serving Boulder City – (702) 825-7557
- Stefani's Pest Control, located in Boulder City – (702) 294-2244

Boulder City's Water Quality Report is Now Available!

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The City of Boulder City believes it is essential to provide all of the facts about Southern Nevada's drinking water to our customers. The Water Quality Report, which is issued annually, includes test results, a source water analysis, an overview of the treatment process and other valuable information relating to the quality of our municipal water supply. The 2017 Water Quality Report is published in accordance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act which establishes drinking water standards and requires purveyors to provide water quality information to their customers.

The sources of drinking water include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

This water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. To ensure tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Im-

muno-compromised persons should seek advice from their healthcare providers about drinking water.

In 2016, 18 regulated contaminants were detected in Boulder City's drinking water. However, these contaminants were all at allowable levels based on the Safe Drinking Water Act standards and no health violations were reported. Additionally, 5 unregulated contaminants were detected. Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determine where certain contaminants occur and whether these contaminants should be regulated in the future.



Some customers choose to purchase water filtration devices to improve the aesthetics of their home drinking water. **All home water treatment devices require periodic maintenance.** The majority of water quality complaints received by the City are due to private equipment and private plumbing. To learn more about the pros and

cons of using home water treatment devices, please visit: https://www.snwa.com/wq/taste_home_filters.html.

Please visit <http://www.bcnv.org/280/Water-Quality-Consumer-Confidence-Report> to view the complete 2017 Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please email publicworks@bcnv.org or call (702)293-9200.

Scott Hansen appointed Acting City Manager

At the June 6, 2017 City Council Meeting Scott Hansen was appointed Acting City Manager. Scott has resided in Boulder City since 1998, and has served as the City's Public Works Director since 2005. Scott is honored to be given this opportunity.

Scott graduated from the University of Missouri in 1990 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He received his MBA from the University of Illinois in 1994, and his Master's in Civil Engineering from UNLV in 2003.