

# Facts About Tonopah's Drinking Water

Tonopah's water has to be pumped over *fifteen miles* from the Ralston Valley! ①

The water comes from very shallow wells in the Ralston Valley, that are fed primarily through precipitation. ②

Shallow wells are particularly susceptible to contamination from any nearby surface activity, such as grazing, mining, etc.

Efforts have been undertaken to find another viable drinking water supply for Tonopah for over one hundred years--*with no success!*

If Tonopah's water wells are ever compromised, there is *no other source available*.

Getting the water to Tonopah is expensive and difficult. Water from the well field has to be pumped almost 500 ft. up over the San Antonio Mountains. ③

Electricity costs for pumping water to Tonopah run almost \$150,000 per year!

Plus, over 25 miles of primary pipeline to supply the town of Tonopah and the Tonopah Airport, and over 100 miles of distribution pipeline to supply homes and businesses has to be maintained at all times. ④

Multiple storage tanks are also required; they are critical to maintaining sufficient water pressure to service homes and businesses, and for fire suppression. ⑤

