



Texas  
Water Utilities

# 2023 Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)



## What's inside?

This is an annual, overall summary report of the water quality in your area that explains the source of your water, test results and general information for those with health concerns. The analysis was made using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water. If you have any questions concerning water quality or the source of your water, please call our Regulatory Department at (512) 219-2294.

## Our drinking water meets or exceeds all federal (EPA) drinking water requirements.

**Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:** You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or immune-compromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).



En Español: Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre éste informe en español, favor de llamar al tel 1-866-654-7992 para hablar con una persona bilingue en español.

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# ON THE MAP



- Other Ground Water Sources\***
- Alluvium Aquifer
  - Antlers Aquifer
  - Chicot Aquifer
  - Evangeline Aquifer
  - Gulf Coast Aquifer
  - Jackson Group Aquifer
  - Jasper Aquifer
  - Paluxy Aquifer
  - Queen City Sand of Claiborn Group Aquifer
  - Twin Mountain Aquifer
  - Woodbine Aquifer



## Lake Sources

- 1 Possum Kingdom Lake
- 2 Lake Travis
- 3 Lake Austin
- 4 Lake Pflugerville
- 5 Lake Dunlap
- 6 Canyon Lake
- 7 Lake Bridgeport
- 8 Lake Palestine
- 9 Lake Granbury
- 10 Lake Texoma
- 11 Lake Randell
- 12 Lake Livingston
- 13 Lake Houston
- 14 Cedar Creek Reservoir

\*These aquifers were too small to put on this map, but check them out online!

## Your Water Source

### Stay Informed: Customer Resources



Sign up for email and text alerts within your customer portal - [swwc.com/myaccount](http://swwc.com/myaccount)

View your neighborhood status - [swwc.com/texas/neighborhood-dashboard](http://swwc.com/texas/neighborhood-dashboard)

Want to learn about infrastructure projects happening in your area? Visit the System Improvement Project page. [swwc.com/texas/system-improvement](http://swwc.com/texas/system-improvement)

Public Participation Opportunities: The Utility does not hold regularly scheduled meetings. However, if you wish to contact the owners, please call our Customer Care at 866-654-7992.

## What is surface water?

The water found in rivers, streams, creeks, lakes, and reservoirs.

## What's the water quality before treatment?

Surface water is affected by many factors, which is why it requires much more filtration and sanitization. Pollutants you can find within the untreated, raw water before treatment includes: fertilizers, litter, pesticides and large particles of dirt.

## Why are there contaminants?

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. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants. Therefore, **all drinking water may contain contaminants**. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) completed an assessment of our source water and the results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for our water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detection of these contaminants will be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

# HOW IS SURFACE WATER TREATED?

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### Starts With the Source

Water comes through an intake from your local lake or reservoir.

### Coagulation

Mixing solutions are added to the water to cause dirt particles to stick together.

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### Flocculation

Water is moved around to cause smaller dirt particles to collide and create larger particles.

### Sedimentation

The water then flows through a basin or tank to allow the dirt particles to sink to the bottom in order to be removed easily.

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### Filtration

It passes through material that filters out the particles and other substances.

### Disinfection

This process removes any naturally-occurring germs in the water.

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### Ends at Your Tap

After the water has been fully treated, it goes into a ground storage tank and is ready for you to turn on your tap.

## What is ground water?

The water found underground in the cracks and spaces in soil, sand and rock. It is stored in and moves slowly through geologic formations of soil, sand and rocks called aquifers.

## What's the water quality before treatment?

The ground water we use has less contaminants than surface water because there is not much human interaction. Therefore, the water does not require as much filtration as our surface water.

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# HOW IS GROUND WATER TREATED?

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### Starts With the Source

Water comes in pumped through a well from your local aquifer.

### Cleaning the Water

Water is treated and sanitized with chlorine. This process is called chlorination. It is an effective way to kill naturally-occurring germs in ground water, and is a common practice by most systems.

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### Ends at Your Tap

Once the water has been cleaned, it goes into a ground storage tank and is ready for you to turn on your tap.



1: Well



2: Chlorination



3: Storage Tank

# What are the charts about?

The charts on the pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

## How to read the charts:

From left to right, you will see the year the water was required to be tested, the contaminant we tested for, the amount detected within the water, the acceptable level developed by the EPA, and the source of the mentioned contaminant. For an even more detailed explanation, below are the definitions of the terms used within the charts.

## DEFINITIONS

### Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety before the contaminant reaches a harmful level.

### Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest allowable level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as possible using the best available treatment technology.

### Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)

The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

### Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)

The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that an addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

### Treatment Technique (TT)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

### Action Level (AL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

### Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium or iron) which are often found in drinking water can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

### Level 1 Assessment

A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria were found.

### Abbreviations

NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units  
MFL – million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)  
pCi/L – picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)  
ppm – parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)  
ppb – parts per billion, or micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ )  
ppt – parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter  
ppq – parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

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**Inorganic Contaminants**

Year	Contaminant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
2022	Arsenic (ppb)	2.5	2.5	2.5	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2023	Barium (ppm)	0.066	0.058	0.072	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Fluoride (ppm)	0.774	0.39	1.24	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2023	Nitrate (ppm)	0.844	0.08	1.68	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Thallium (ppb)	0.555	0.46	0.65	2	0.5	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories.
2023	Cyanide (ppb)	10	10	10	200	200	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel/metal factories.

**Synthetic Organic Contaminants** TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

**Radioactive Contaminants**

Year	Contaminant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
2023	Combined Radium 226&228 (pCi/L)	1.56	1.56	1.56	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Combined Uranium (ppb)	1	1	1	30	0	Erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Gross alpha (pCi/L)	4.6	3.1	6.1	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level**

Year	Disinfectant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
2023	Chloramine (ppm)	1.29	0.50	2.90	4.00	4.00	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

**Unregulated Initial Distribution System Evaluation for Disinfection Byproducts (DBP2)**

Year	Contaminant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Typical Source
2023	Total Haloacetic Acids	4.6	1.0	10.7	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2023	Total Trihalomethanes	22.6	4.5	45.8	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

### Lead and Copper

Year	Contaminant	90% of Test Levels Were Less Than	# of Tests With Levels Above EPA's Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Typical Source
2023	Lead	3.0	1	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Copper	0.349	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Turbidity

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.					
Year	Contaminant	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Typical Source
2023	Turbidity (NTU)	0.37	100%	0.3	Soil runoff.

### Total Coliform

Total coliform bacteria are used as indicators of microbial contamination of drinking water because testing for them is easy. While not disease-causing organisms themselves, they are often found in association with other microbes that are capable of causing disease. Coliform bacteria are more-hardy than many disease-causing organisms; therefore, their absence from water is a good indication that the water is microbiologically safe for human consumption.					
Year	Contaminant	Highest Monthly Number of Positive Samples	MCL	Unit of Measure	Typical Source
2023	Total Coliform Bacteria	2	*	Presence	Naturally present in the environment.
<b>*Two or more coliform found samples in any single month.</b>					

*Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessments(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems what were found during these assessments. During the past year we were required to conduct One Level 1 assessment(s). One Level 1 assessment(s) was completed. In addition, we were required to take one corrective actions and we completed one of these actions.*

**Fecal Coliform** REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA

**Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated** (No associated adverse health effects)

Year	Contaminant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Limit	Typical Source
2023	Calcium (ppm)	104	92.1	116	NA	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2023	Chloride (ppm)	40.4	31	60	300	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.
2023	Iron (ppm)	0.132	0.032	0.232	0.3	Erosion of natural deposits; iron or steel water delivery equipment or facilities.
2023	Magnesium (ppm)	30.02	27.2	32.7	NA	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2023	Manganese (ppm)	0.003	0.003	0.003	.05	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2023	Nickel (ppm)	0.004	0.004	0.004	NA	Erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Sodium (ppm)	38.42	23	69.6	NA	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2023	Sulfate (ppm)	70	48	95	300	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2023	Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (ppm)	336.8	317	350	NA	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2023	Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	509.4	465	549	1000	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2023	Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (ppm)	383.4	355	409	NA	Naturally occurring calcium.
2023	Zinc (ppm)	0.052	0.044	0.061	5	Moderately abundant naturally occurring element; used in the metal industry.