

WICKIUP WATER DISTRICT

Consumer Confidence Report
2023 Water Quality Report for Public Water System #4100063



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Is My Water Safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I Need to Take Special Precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

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Unit Descriptions

| Term | Definition |
|------|---|
| ppm | parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L) |
| ppb | parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L) |
| NA | Not applicable |
| ND | Not detected |
| NR | Monitoring not required, but recommended |

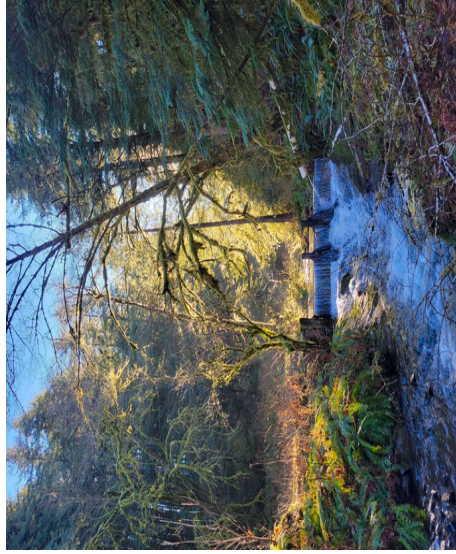
Drinking Water Definitions

- Term / Definition**
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- 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.
- Variances and Exemptions:** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
- Maximum Residual Disinfection 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 contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Monitored Not Regulated (MNR)**
- Maximum Permissible Level (MPL)**

| Contaminant Tested | MCLG or MRDLG | MCL, TT, or MRDL | Your Water | Violation | Typical Source |
|---|---------------|------------------|------------|-----------|---|
| 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (ppb) | 200 | 200 | ND | No | Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories |
| 1,1,2-Trichloroethane (ppb) | 3 | 5 | ND | No | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |
| 1,1-Dichloroethylene (ppb) | 7 | 7 | ND | No | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |
| 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (ppb) | 70 | 70 | ND | No | Discharge from textile-fishing factories |
| 1,2-Dichloroethane (ppb) | 0 | 5 | ND | No | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |
| 1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb) | 0 | 5 | ND | No | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |
| Benzene (ppb) | 0 | 5 | ND | No | Discharge from Leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills |
| Carbon Tetrachloride (ppb) | 0 | 5 | ND | No | Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities |
| Chlorobenzene (monochlorobenzene) (ppb) | 100 | 100 | ND | No | Discharge from agricultural and chemical factories |
| Ethylbenzene (ppb) | 700 | 700 | ND | No | Discharge from petroleum refineries |
| Styrene (ppb) | 100 | 100 | ND | No | Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; Leaching from landfills |
| Tetrachloroethylene (ppb) | 0 | 5 | ND | No | Discharge from factories and dry cleaners |
| Toluene (ppm) | 1 | 1 | ND | No | Discharge from petroleum factories |
| Trichloroethylene (ppb) | 0 | 5 | ND | No | Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories |
| Vinyl Chloride (ppb) | 0 | 2 | ND | No | Leaching from PVC piping; Discharge from plastic factories |
| Xylenes (ppm) | 10 | 10 | ND | No | Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories |
| cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb) | 70 | 70 | ND | No | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |
| o-Dichlorobenzene (ppb) | 600 | 600 | ND | No | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |
| p-Dichlorobenzene (ppb) | 75 | 75 | ND | No | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |
| trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb) | 100 | 100 | ND | No | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |

Where Does My Water Come From?

Wickiup Water District's drinking water is supplied by three intakes, namely: Little Creek, John Day Creek locally known as Big Fat Buck Creek, and a small tributary to John Day Creek locally known as Little Fat Buck Creek. Intakes are located in the Big Creek / Gnat Creek Watershed in the Lower Columbia Sub-Basin of the Pacific Northwest Basin. The streams that contribute to the intakes extend upstream a cumulative total of 5.56 miles and encompass a total area of 2.12 square miles.



Source Water Assessment and its Availability

A Water Source Assessment was completed in 2017. A copy of the report is available upon request at the District Office.

Why Are There Contaminants in My Drinking Water?

Drinking water, including bottled 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. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled 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.

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum productions, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How Can I get Involved?

The Wickiup Water District Board of Commissioners meet the second Wednesday of every month at the District office. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Water Source Protection Tips

- Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways.
- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides;
 - Pick up after your pets;
 - Properly maintain your septic system to reduce leaching into water sources;
 - Dispose of chemicals properly -- take used motor oil to a recycling center.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure the tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although may more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water.

Results of Voluntary Monitoring

EP A (Rapid Sand Filter):

Bromodichloromethane .0071 No MCL
Chloroform .0477 No MCL
Dibromochloromethane .0006 No MCL

EP B (Slow Sand Filter):

Bromodichloromethane .0037 No MCL
Chloroform .0045 No MCL
Dibromochloromethane .0020 No MCL

System:

HAA5 .0273 .060 MCL
THM .0543 .080 MCL

Additional Contaminants

In an effort to ensure the safest water possible the State has required us to monitor some contaminants not required by Federal regulations. Of those contaminants only the ones listed below were found in your water.

| Contaminants | State MCL | Your Water | Violation | Explanation and Comment |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Copper | 1.3 ppm | 1.282 ppm | No | System |
| Lead | 15 ppb | 12 ppb | No | System |
| Nitrate | 10 mg/l | .489 mg/l | No | Rapid Sand Plant |
| Nitrate | 10 mg/l | .804 mg/l | No | Slow Sand Filter plant |

Undetected Contaminants

The following contaminants were monitored for, but not detected, in your water.

