

2023 Water Quality Report

Utsalady Water

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services delivered to you every day. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts made to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water source (SO1) is a well located in the community, well depth is 145' identification number 90847. Water is pumped from an underground aquifer into a 35,000-gallon reservoir. From there the water is pumped into the distribution system via 2 pressure pumps. The distribution system carries the water to your house. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements. For more information about your water and water system, call Chris Gott at (425) 508-3295. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

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 - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source. Pick up after your pets. If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources. Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.

Utsalady Water routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2023. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that 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 many 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. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one-year-old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

| Contaminants | MCLG or MRDLG | MCL, TT, or MRDL | Your Water | Range Low High | | Sample Date | Violation | Typical Source |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| | Microbiological Contaminants | | | | | | | |
| Total Coliform (positive samples/month) | 0 | 1 | 0 | NA | | 2023 | No | Naturally present in the environment |
| Contaminants | MCLG | AL | Your Water | Sample Date | # Samples Exceeding AL | Exceeds AL | Typical Source | |
| Inorganic Contaminants | | | | | | | | |
| Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppm) | 0 | .015 | ND | 2022 | 0 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits | |
| Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm) | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0882 | 2022 | 0 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits | |
| Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm) | 10 | 10 | 5.68 | 2023 | 0 | No | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits | |
| Arsenic (ppb) | 10 | 10 | 4.4 | 2022 | 0 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes | |
| Barium (ppm) | 2 | 2 | .005 | 2018 | 0 | No | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits | |
| Chromium (ppm) | .1 | .1 | .003 | 2018 | 0 | No | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits | |
| Iron (ppm) | .3 | .3 | .06 | 2018 | 0 | No | Erosion of natural deposits | |

Additional Contaminants

In an effort to insure 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 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Conductivity | 700 Umhos/cm | 392 Umhos/cm | No | 2023 |
| Chloride | 250 mg/L | 16 mg/L | No | 2023 |

| Unit Descriptions | |
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| Term | Definition |
| ppm | ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L) |
| ppb | ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L) |
| pCi/L | pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity) |
| positive samples/month | positive samples/month: Number of samples taken monthly that were found to be positive |
| NA | NA: not applicable |
| ND | ND: Not detected |
| NR | NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended. |

| Important Drinking Water Definitions | |
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| Term | Definition |
| MCLG | MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: 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. |
| MCL | MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: 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. |
| TT | TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. |
| AL | AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. |
| Variances and Exemptions | Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions. |
| MRDLG | MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. 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. |
| MRDL | MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. 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. |
| MNR | MNR: Monitored Not Regulated |
| MPL | MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level |

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Additional Information for Lead

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. [Utsalady Water](#) 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>.

Additional Information for Arsenic

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Additional Information for Nitrate

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

Utsalady Water pumped 1,591,180 gallons of water in 2023, or on average 109GPD/connection. **We thank you for your efforts in conserving water and helping us to protect our water source!**

In 2022 Utsalady water failed to collect an annual nitrate sample. Because of this oversight DOH has issued a monitoring violation to Utsalady Water. We have included a copy of the of the violation with this report. A nitrate sample was collected in 2023 and Utsalady Water is back in compliance with DOH regulations.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary to address these improvements. One of the improvements requested by some from the community is to install a generator. We are asking the community to give feedback on the willingness to pay a little more for the addition of a generator.

We all need water to live. We use it in so many different and useful ways. Let's all do our part to conserve it. We, at Utsalady Water, work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

Cross Connection Control Survey

The purpose of this survey is to determine whether a cross-connection may exist at your home or business. A cross connection is an unprotected or improper connection to a public water distribution system that may cause contamination or pollution to enter the system. We are responsible for enforcing cross-connection control regulations and ensuring that no contaminants can, under any flow conditions, enter the distribution system. If you have any of the devices listed below, please contact us so that we can discuss the issue, and if needed, survey your connection and assist you in isolating it if that is necessary.

- Boiler/ Radiant heater (water heaters not included)
- Underground lawn sprinkler system
- Pool or hot tub (whirlpool tubs not included)
- Additional source(s) of water on the property
- Decorative pond
- Watering trough

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