

## 2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report of the City of Davenport

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our wells draw from the Upper Floridan Aquifer. The water is aerated to release volatiles, disinfected with chlorine and delivered to your home.

In 2020 the Florida Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are five potential sources of contamination identified for this system from domestic wastewater, petroleum storage tanks and agricultural chemical use with a low susceptibility level and delineated areas with a moderate risk. The assessment results are available on the FEDP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at [www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp). Potential sources of contamination are those facilities, sites and activities that may affect the underlying groundwater aquifers or nearby surface waters used for public drinking water supply. It is crucial to understand that these potential sources are just that – potential. Many are regulated by DEP or other agencies and operated under stringent construction and maintenance requirements designed to protect human health and the environment. This report shows our water quality results and what they mean.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact our Utilities Director, Mike Stripling at (863)419-3300 ext. 143.

The City of Davenport routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023. Data obtained before January 1, 2023 and presented in this report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations.

In the table below you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**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.

**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.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE):** An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of Trihalomethanes (THMs) and Halo Acetic Acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

**Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA):** The average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

**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.

**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 or the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Not Detected (ND):** Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

**Parts Per Billion (PPB) or Micrograms Per Liter (µg/l):** One part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

**Parts Per Million (PPM) or Milligrams Per Liter (mg/l):** One part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

**Picocurie per liter (pCi/L):** measure of the radioactivity in water.

### Microbiological Contaminants

Contaminant	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Total Number of Positive Samples for the year	MCLG	MCL	Likely source of contamination
2a. <i>E. coli</i> **	01/23-12/23	N	0	0	Routine and repeat samples are total coliform positive and either is <i>E. coli</i> positive, or system fails to take repeat samples following <i>E. coli</i> positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform positive repeat sample for <i>E. coli</i>	Human and Animal Fecal Waste

## Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
7. Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	06/23	N	1.43	0.605-1.43	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits

## Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
21. Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	01/23 – 12/23	N	6.70	1.20 – 6.70	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

## Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
79. Chlorine (ppm)	01/23 – 12/23	N	1.21	0.20 – 2.61	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

## Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
83. Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) (ppb)	07/23	N	4.0	N/A	N/A	60	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
84. Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	07/23	N	5.8	N/A	N/A	80	By-Product of drinking water disinfection



## Lead and Copper (Tap Water)

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	AL (Action Level) Exceeded Y/N	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL (Action Level)	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
85. Copper (tap water) (ppm)	08/23	N	0.37	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
86. Lead (tap water) (ppb)	08/23	N	0.0028	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

## Unregulated Contaminants

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	Level Detected (average)	Range	Likely Source of Contamination
PFBS $\mu$ /L	5/23	0.0048	0.0048	Run Off
PFOS $\mu$ /L	5/23	0.0059	0.0046 – 0.0059	Run Off

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 parts per million (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 advice from your health care provider.

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. The City of Davenport 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 two minutes before using the 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>.

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.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- A. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operation, and wildlife.
- B. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can naturally occur or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- C. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- D. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- E. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 the water poses 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.

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, persons 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. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Center for Disease Control 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.

Please DO NOT FLUSH your unused/unwanted medications down toilets or sink drains. More information is available at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/medications/pages/disposal.htm>.

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