



Consumer Confidence Report

We are pleased to present your 2021 Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. In 2021, overall drinking water quality met or exceeded all drinking water standards.

Our staff routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water in accordance with Federal, State or local laws. We encourage you to take a few moments and review the enclosed table showing the results of the water quality monitoring for January 1 to December 31, 2021. We would like you to share, our confidence in your drinking water.

We welcome your questions, concerns, and observations. If you would like to receive more information about current water quality issues, make comments, or ask questions, please contact Director of Planning and Compliance, Kim Gubbe. Email PUDCustomerService@ThurstonPUD.org or call our offices at (360) 357-8783 between 8 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

We take pride in keeping you informed about the quality of your water and the service we provide.

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Conservation *Saving Water can Be Simple*

What is Water Conservation? For many, it is as easy as buying a water efficient appliance or turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth, however, water conservation is more complex than that. Water conservation is any beneficial reduction in water use, loss, or waste. We can all do our part in using our water more efficiently; small changes can make a large impact. In addition to saving money on your utility bill, water conservation will help protect this precious natural resource.

For more information about water conservation please visit our website.

Get Involved

Commission meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

The meetings start at 5:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Check out our website at www.thurstonpud.org.

WATER USE EFFICIENCY ANNUAL REPORT

Thurston PUD is required to send you a Water Use Efficiency Report on an annual basis. To comply with this State law, Thurston PUD approved a new conservation goal October 2020 for your water system. The goal is as follows:

BETWEEN 2021 & 2031, REDUCE AND/OR MAINTAIN THE ANNUAL AVERAGE DEMAND PER CONNECTION, FOR ALL GROUP A SYSTEMS, TO NO MORE THAN 250 GALLONS PER DAY.

The Covington water system is fully metered and the total water produced for 2021 was 1,569,379 gallons. The system had less than a gallon per minute leak loss for the year. In 2021, the average household used 212 gallons per day meeting the PUD's current conservation goal.

A copy of the report filed with the State is available on our website. To receive a copy by mail, please call our office at (360) 357-8783.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and in your case 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.

LEAD AND DRINKING WATER *What you need to know*

In Washington State, lead in drinking water comes primarily from materials and components used in household plumbing. The more time water has been sitting in pipes, the more dissolved metals, such as lead, it may contain. Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children.

To help reduce potential exposure to lead, for any drinking water tap that has not been used for 6 hours or more, flush water through the tap until the water is noticeably colder before using for drinking or cooking. You can use the flushed water for watering plants, washing dishes, or general cleaning. Only use water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water is available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or online at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL *Protecting the Water You Drink*

A cross connection is a point in a plumbing system where the potable water supply is connected to a non-potable source. TPUD is committed to ensuring your water remains clean and safe. The Washington State Department of Health requires backflow prevention assemblies on all commercial and some residential properties that are connected to the public water system. Common potential cross connection found include: Hose bibs, Irrigation sprinkler systems, Livestock watering and/or animal water troughs, Swimming pools, Hot tubs, Fire Sprinkler systems, Wash basins or service sinks.

Annual backflow assembly testing is required by state Department of Health rules (WAC 246-290-490) to ensure the assembly is in good working condition. We rely on approved backflow prevention assemblies to protect the public water supply.

For more information about cross connection and backflow please visit our website www.thurstonpud.org

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT: Covington 212 - ID# 02050D

The water source for the Covington Water system is City of Lacey through a master meter. [City of Lacey - 2022-Consumer-Confidence-Report.pdf \(cityoflacey.org\)](#)

<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Description</i>
City of Lacey Chlorination	Treatment consists of a chemical feed pump injecting sodium hypochlorite (chlorine) to protect against possible bacterial contamination.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2021 calendar year. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

We test for Primary and Secondary Contaminants both regulated and unregulated, as required by the EPA and the State Department of Health. The regulated and unregulated analysis (contaminants) tests are commonly referred to as Inorganic Chemical (IOC), Volatile Organic Chemical (VOC) and Synthetic Organic Chemical (SOC) tests.

Required Testing (last testing date):

Monthly Bacteriological	Inorganic Contaminants – See City of Lacey Annual Report	Disinfection Byproducts – 2021
Annual Nitrate – See City of Lacey Annual Report	Volatile Organic Contaminants – See City of Lacey Annual Report	Lead & Copper – 2020

PRIMARY CONTAMINANTS

<i>Microbiological</i>	<i>MCLG</i>	<i>MCL</i>	<i>Your Water Range</i>	<i>Compliant(Y/N)</i>	<i>Typical Sources</i>
Total Coliform Bacteria	N/A	TT	0	Y	Naturally present in the environment.
<i>Disinfectants Disinfection Byproducts</i>	<i>MCLG</i>	<i>MCL</i>	<i>Your Water</i>	<i>Compliant(Y/N)</i>	<i>Typical Sources</i>
TTHMs (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	N/A	80	5.89	Y	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	2.32	Y	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
<i>Lead and Copper Taken at Customer Taps</i>	<i>AL</i>	<i>No. of Homes Sampled</i>	<i>90th Percentile Value</i>	<i>No. of Homes Exceeding AL</i>	<i>Typical Sources</i>
Lead (ppb)	15	5	8.1	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	5	0.8265	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

Terms and Abbreviations Used:

ppm - parts per million **ppb** - parts per billion **N/A** - Not Applicable

ND - None Detected **TT** - Treatment Technique

Contaminant: A substance that impairs the quality of potable water and may create a hazard to public health.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no know or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

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.

AL (Action Level): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

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City of Lacey Water Quality & Testing Data 2021

Contaminant	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	Goal Not to Exceed (MCLG)	Highest Level Detected	Lowest Level Detected	Date of Highest Level Detected	Typical Source of Contaminant
Primary Standards Regulated by EPA for Protecting Public Health						
Arsenic	10 ppb	0	2 ppb	<1 ppb	7/13/2021	
Fluoride	4 ppm ¹	4 ppm	<0.2 ppm	<0.2 ppm	5/18/2021	Geology, natural weathering. Fluoride is not added to water
Lead	15 ppb	0	8 ppb	< 1 ppb	8/10/2021	Geology, brass fittings
Nitrate	10 ppm	10 ppm	5 ppm	<1 ppm	4/29/2021	Septic systems, fertilizer, animal waste
Radium 228	5 pCi/L	0 pCi/L	1 pCi/L	<1 pCi/L	8/9/2021	geology, natural weathering
Total Coliform Bacteria (% monthly samples testing positive)	5%	0%	0%	0%	-	Naturally present in the environment
Free Chlorine Residual	4 ppm	4 ppm	0.84 ppm	0.28 ppm	12/21/2021	Added as a disinfectant to the water system
Total Trihalomethanes ²	80 ppb	NA	14 ppb	12 ppb	4/14/2021	Reaction of chlorine with naturally occurring organic matter
Total Haloacetic acids ³	60 ppb	NA	9 ppb	8 ppb	4/14/2021	Reaction of chlorine with naturally occurring organic matter
Secondary Standards Regulated by EPA for Aesthetics						
Chloride	250 ppm		18 ppm	1 ppm	8/10/2021	Geology, natural weathering
Copper	1300 ppb	1300 ppb	43 ppb	<20 ppb	8/10/2021	Geology, natural weathering
Iron	300 ppb		370 ppb	<100 ppb	9/13/2021	Geology, natural weathering
Manganese	50 ppb		61 ppb	<10 ppb	7/14/2021	Geology, natural weathering
Sulfate	250 ppm		14 ppm	2 ppm	7/13/2021	Geology, natural weathering
Conductivity	700 µS/cm		282 µS/cm	90 µS/cm	8/10/2021	Geology, natural weathering
Regulated by the State at the Consumer's Tap						
Contaminant	State Action Level	Goal Not to Exceed (MCLG)	90% percentile	#Samples Over State Action Level	Date of Highest Level Detected	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper	1300 ppb	1300 ppb	934 ppb	1 sample	6/23/2020	Corrosion of household plumbing or erosion of natural deposits
Lead	15 ppb	0 ppb	8 ppb	1 sample	6/23/2020	Corrosion of household plumbing or erosion of natural deposits
Unregulated Contaminants - sampled as required by EPA						
	State Action Level	Goal Not to Exceed (MCLG)	Highest Level Detected	Lowest Level Detected	Date of Highest Level Detected	Typical Source of Contaminant
Bromide	unregulated		48 ppb	<0.02 ppb	4/7/2020	Geology and natural weathering, industrial and consumer products
Unregulated Water Constituents of interest for fish aquariums, and home brewing⁴						
Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO ₃)	unregulated		129	39	4/11/2018	Geology, natural weathering
Total Hardness (mg/L as CaCO ₃)	unregulated		120	32	8/10/2021	Geology, natural weathering
Calcium Hardness (mg/L as CaCO ₃)	unregulated		98	25	4/11/2018	Geology, natural weathering
Silica	unregulated		59 ppm	33 ppm	10/4/2011	Geology, natural weathering. Rarely tested
Sodium	unregulated		22 ppm	7 ppm	4/29/2021	Geology, natural weathering
Footnotes						
1 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends <0.7 ppm fluoride in drinking water.						
2 Highest locational running annual average was 13.1 ppb. In 2021, the highest concentrations of individual trihalomethanes were chloroform (8.3 ppb), bromoform (1 ppb), chlorodibromomethane (2.7 ppb), and bromodichloromethane (3.6 ppb).						
3 Highest locational running annual average was 9.1 ppb. In 2021, the highest concentrations of individual haloacetic acids were dichloroacetic acid (3.5 ppb) and trichloroacetic acid (5.6 ppb).						
4 Ranges shown are from all 20 groundwater wells that supply the water system. Ranges in tap water at specific locations will depend on which wells serve the particular area.						

CONTAMINANTS WHICH MAY REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO BE FOUND IN DRINKING WATER

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA and/or the Washington board of health prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It is important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- *Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- *Inorganic contaminants*, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water 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 storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- *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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants*, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Vulnerable Populations

Some people may be more vulnerable to contamination in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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 microbial contaminants are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Source Protection Information

The Department of Health Office of Drinking Water has compiled Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) data for all community water systems in Washington. SWAP data for your system is available online at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/SourceWater/SourceWaterProtection>

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

