

CUNNINGHAM UTILITY DISTRICT - 2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Is my drinking water safe?

Yes. Our water meets all State and EPA health standards. Our water plant tests an average of 50 water samples daily, including microbiological testing, to ensure that our water quality remains at safe levels.

What is the source of my water?

Your water comes from the Cumberland River, south of Clarksville. Our goal is to protect our water from contaminants and we are working with the State to determine the vulnerability of contamination. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for the untreated water sources to possible contamination. To ensure safe drinking water, all public water systems treat and routinely test their water. Water sources have been rated as reasonably susceptible (high), moderately susceptible (moderate) or slightly susceptible (low), based on geographic factors and human activities in the vicinity of the water source. The Cunningham - East Montgomery Water Treatment Plant source is rated as reasonably susceptible to potential contamination.

Why are there contaminants in my 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 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 (800) 426-4791.

How can I get involved?

Our Board of Commissioners meet on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 9:00AM. The meetings are held in the Board Room at the District's Main Office located at 125 Attaway Rd., Clarksville, TN. These meetings are open to the public and you're encouraged to attend.

Is our water system meeting requirements of other rules that govern our operations?

The State and EPA require that we test and report on our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We have always met all of these requirements. The management would like you to be aware that we take great pride in our water quality, treatment facility and distribution system. We adhere to all applicable rules and guidelines while following current trends in the water industry.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than others in the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, recipients of organ transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some of the elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about their personal hygiene, food preparation, the handling of infants and pets and drinking water from their health care provider. The EPA and CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante. Traduscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

WATER QUALITY DATA							
Contaminant	MCLG in CCR Units	MCL in CCR Units	Level found in CCR Units	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical source of contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	>1 positive sample	0	N/A	N	Daily	Naturally present in the environment
¹ Turbidity	N/A	TT	0.05 ntu avg	.03 - .13 ntu	N	Daily	Soil runoff
Sodium	N/A	N/A	5.05 ppm		N	06/05/2018	Erosion of natural deposits; used in water treatment
Chlorine	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	1.8 ppm avg.	.6 - 3.2 ppm	N	Daily	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper	1.3	AL=1.3 ppm	.0739 ppm 90th percentile	.011 - .092 ppm	N	July 2017	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
² Lead	0	AL=15 ppb	.5 ppb 90th percentile	.5 - 11 ppb	N	July 2017	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA's)	0	60 ppb 4 Qtr. LRAA	36 ppb highest LRAA	18 - 44 ppb	N	Quarterly 2018	By-product of drinking water chlorination
³ Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM's)	0	80 ppb 4 Qtr. LRAA	65 ppb highest LRAA	18 - 62 ppb	N	Quarterly 2018	By-product of drinking water chlorination
⁴ Finished TOC	N/A	TT	1.4 ppm	1.15 - 1.66 ppm	N	Monthly	Naturally present in the environment

About the data: Most of the data presented in this table is from testing done between January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018. We monitor for some contaminants less than once per year, and for those contaminants the date of the last sample is shown in the table.

ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

- MCL:** Maximum Contaminant level, or the maximum permissible level of a contaminant in water which is delivered at the free flowing outlet of the ultimate user of a public water system, except in the case of turbidity, where the maximum permissible level is measured at the point of entry to the distribution system. Contaminants added to the water under circumstances controlled by the user, except those resulting from corrosion of piping and plumbing caused by water quality, are excluded from this definition.
- MCLG:** Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water at which there is no known or expected risk of health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.
- MRDL:** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level, or the highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for the control of microbial contaminants.
- MRDLG:** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal, or the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure the cloudiness in drinking water.
- AL:** Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- LRAA:** Locational Running Annual Average
- Turbidity:** A physical characteristic of water making the water appear cloudy. The condition is caused by suspended matter. Turbidity does not present any risk to your health. We monitor turbidity because it is a good indicator that the filtration process is functioning properly.
- TT:** Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- PPB:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- PPT:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- PPM:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- pCi/l:** pico Curies per liter, a measure of radioactivity

OTHER INFORMATION

- ¹ Representative Turbidity samples of a system's filtered water must be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of the measurements taken each month. We were in compliance for the 2018 calendar year.
- ² During the most recent round of lead and copper testing, none of the 30 homes tested exceeded the action level for lead and none exceeded the action level for copper.
- ³ Some of the people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years, may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, central nervous systems and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- ⁴ The Cunningham - East Montgomery Water Treatment Plant met the Treatment Technique requirements for Total Organic Carbon (TOC).

For more information about your drinking water, please call us at (931) 387-3387

Informational Statement on Lead in Drinking Water

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. The presence of lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Cunningham - East Montgomery Water Treatment Plant is responsible for providing high quality drinking water to the Cunningham Utility District, 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 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 at (800) 426-4791 or online at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Information on sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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;

Microbial contaminants such as bacteria and viruses, 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 agricultural, 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. May 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.

Administrative Information

The Commissioners of the Cunningham Utility District serve four year terms. Vacancies on the Board of Commissioners are filled by the guidelines set forth in the Tennessee Code Annotated, section 7-802-307. Decisions made by the Board of Commissioners regarding customer complaints, under the District's customer complaint policy, may be reviewed by the Utility Management Review Board, a division of the State of Tennessee, Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury. Decisions by the Board of Commissioners are reviewed pursuant to the Tennessee Code Annotated, section 7-802-702 (7).

Additional Information

An explanation of Tennessee's Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP), the Source Water Assessment summaries overall TDEC report to the EPA, can be viewed online at www.state.tn.us/environment/dws/dwssess.shtml. The Cunningham - East Montgomery Water Treatment Plant produces water for the Cunningham Utility District, and it is considered HIGH susceptibility.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microbial parasite which is found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although cryptosporidium can be removed by filtration, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100% removal. Monitoring of our source water did not indicate the presence of cryptosporidium in any of the 9 samples tested. No cryptosporidium were detected in any finished water samples. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals were able to overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people have more difficulty and are at greater risk of developing severe, life threatening illness. Immuno-compromised individuals are encouraged to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to prevent infection. For more information on cryptosporidium, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Think before you flush!

Flushing unused or expired medicines can be harmful to your drinking water. Properly disposing of unused or expired medication helps protect you and the environment. Keep medications out of Tennessee's waterways by disposing of them in a permanent pharmaceutical take back bins. There are nearly 100 of these bins located across the State of Tennessee. To locate a convenient location please visit; <http://tn.government/article/sp-unwanted-pharmaceuticals>

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