

TABLE OF PRIMARY CONTAMINANTS

PRIMARY STANDARDS		MWWSSB	Rolling Hills
Bacteriological	MCL	Highest Detected Level	Highest Detected Level
Total Coliform Bacteria	<5%	coliform absent	coliform absent
Radiological*	MCL	Highest Detected Level	Highest Detected Level
Radium 228	5 pCi/L	ND	2.22
* The radiological results are from the most recent testing done in 2003 in accordance with applicable regulations.			
Turbidity	MCL	Highest Single Measurement	Highest Single Measurement
Turbidity	TT	0.27	-
Inorganic Chemicals	MCL	Highest Detected Level	Highest Detected Level
Antimony	6 ppb	ND	ND
Arsenic	10 ppb	ND	ND
Barium	2 ppm	0.09	ND
Beryllium	4 ppb	ND	ND
Cadmium	5 ppb	ND	ND
Chromium	100 ppb	ND	ND
Copper**	AL = 1.3 ppm	90th percentile value = 0.163	-
Cyanide	200 ppb	ND	ND
Fluoride	4 ppm	1	ND
Lead**	AL = 15 ppb	90th percentile value = ND	-
Mercury	2 ppb	ND	ND
Nitrate	10 ppm	0.5	ND
Nitrite	1 ppm	ND	ND
Selenium	50 ppb	ND	ND
Thallium	2 ppb	ND	ND

* Copper and lead results are from the most recent testing done in 2011 in accordance with applicable regulations.

LEGEND FOR TABLES:

AL	action level
MCL	maximum contaminant level
MCLG	maximum contaminant level goal
MWWSSB	Montgomery Water Works & Sanitary Sewer Board
n/a	not applicable
ND	not detected
NS	no standard exists
NTU	nephelometric turbidity unit
pCi/L	picocuries per liter
ppb	parts per billion
ppm	parts per million
ppt	parts per trillion
TON	threshold odor number
TT	treatment technique
uS/cm	micromhos per centimeter

DIOXIN & ASBESTOS MONITORING STATEMENT

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

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Organic Chemicals	MCL	Highest Detected Level	Highest Detected Level
2,4-D	70 ppb	ND	ND
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50 ppb	ND	ND
Alachlor	2 ppb	ND	ND
Atrazine	3 ppb	ND	ND
Benzo(a)pyrene (PAHs)	200 ppt	ND	ND
Carbofuran	40 ppb	ND	ND
Chlordane	2 ppb	ND	ND
Dalapon	200 ppb	ND	ND
Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	400 ppb	ND	ND
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthlate	6 ppb	ND	ND
Dinoseb	7 ppb	ND	ND
Diquat	20 ppb	ND	ND
Endothall	100 ppb	ND	ND
Endrin	2 ppb	ND	ND
Glyphosate	700 ppb	ND	ND
Heptachlor	400 ppt	ND	ND
Heptachlor epoxide	200 ppt	ND	ND
Hexachlorobenzene	1 ppb	ND	ND
Lindane	200 ppt	ND	ND
Methoxychlor	40 ppb	ND	ND
Oxamyl (Vydate)	200 ppb	ND	ND
PCBs	500 ppt	ND	ND
Pentachlorophenol	1 ppb	ND	ND
Picloram	500 ppb	ND	ND
Simazine	4 ppb	ND	ND
Toxaphene	3 ppb	ND	ND
Benzene	5 ppb	ND	ND
Carbon Tetrachloride	5 ppb	1.0	ND
Chlorobenzene	100 ppb	ND	ND
o-Dichlorobenzene	600 ppb	ND	ND
p-Dichlorobenzene	75 ppb	ND	ND
1,2-Dichloroethane	5 ppb	ND	ND
1,1-Dichloroethylene	7 ppb	ND	ND
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70 ppb	ND	ND
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100 ppb	ND	ND
Dichloromethane	5 ppb	ND	ND
1,2-Dichloropropane	5 ppb	ND	ND
Ethylbenzene	700 ppb	ND	ND
Haloacetic Acids	60 ppb	24	-
Styrene	100 ppb	ND	ND
Tetrachloroethylene	5 ppb	ND	ND
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70 ppb	ND	ND
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200 ppb	ND	ND
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5 ppb	ND	ND
Trichloroethylene	5 ppb	ND	ND
Total Trihalomethanes	80 ppb	51	-
Toluene	1 ppm	ND	ND
Vinyl Chloride	2 ppb	ND	ND
Xylenes	10 ppm	ND	ND
Total Organic Carbon	TT	1.4	-
Chlorine Dioxide	800 ppb	760	-
Chlorite	1 ppm	0.95	-

SOURCE OF MONTGOMERY'S WATER

For years, Montgomery's only source of water was its well fields in West and North Montgomery. These well fields withdraw groundwater from several underground aquifers and provide high quality, clean water that requires less treatment than surface water. However, the cost of transporting and maintaining the wells is also higher than using surface water. Considering this fact and Montgomery's growing population, in 1965 the C.T. Perry Water Purification Plant was built on the Tallapoosa River. Today, this plant has a capacity of 60 million gallons of water per day (MGD) and accounts for 60% of Montgomery's water supply. The Day Street Pump Station (20 MGD), the Hanan Water Treatment Plant (12.5 MGD), and all well fields account for the remaining 40%. Together, our water sources provide water for Montgomery and surrounding areas.

A source water assessment was conducted for the water supply of Montgomery Water Works including both the surface water and groundwater. An investigation of potential sources of contamination located within our water supply area was conducted. Each source was examined individually to determine the possible impact on the raw water supply. The majority of sources identified during the investigation pose little or no significant threat to our water supply. For more information about the source water assessment or to view a copy of the reports resulting from this investigation, please contact us at (334) 206-1600.

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water quality report

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

This edition marks the 15th anniversary of delivering our annual water quality report. Just as it was with our first report, we continue to deliver you the highest quality drinking water in the nation. Once again, we are proud to let you know that the water we provide meets and exceeds all federal and local regulations. A host of dedicated men and women work every day to make sure that your water is safe to drink and use.

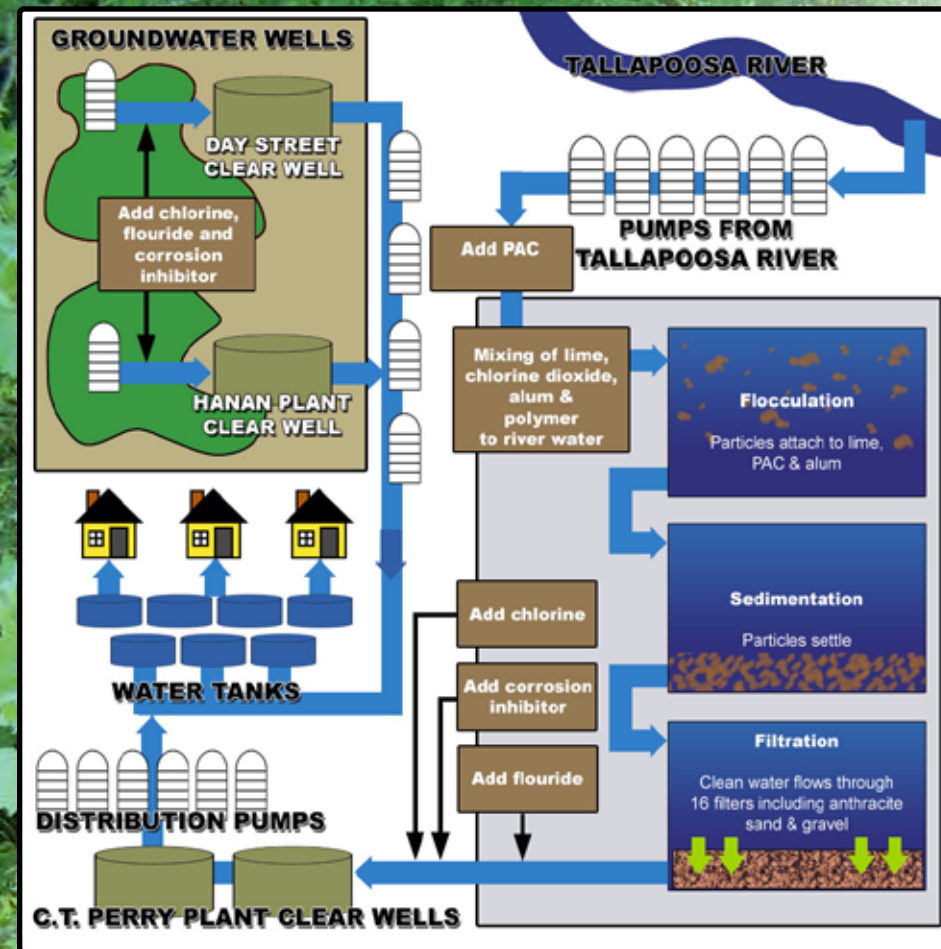
Within this report you will find important information about your water. Included is material on the sources of water for Montgomery and the processes and steps we take to treat your water. Laboratory analyses on your drinking water are conducted around the clock, every day of the year. We routinely test for over 150 contaminants potentially found in drinking water. As you'll see in the tables provided in this report, all testing shows that our results are well below regulatory maximum levels. It doesn't just stop there. From working with various partners on local watershed protection to treating the wastewater before discharging it back into the river, we continually strive to maintain a high standard.

Please, take some time and read this report. It's our continued commitment to providing clean, safe drinking water to Montgomery.

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Water Purification Process



CRYPTOSPORIDIUM AND GIARDIA

Cryptosporidium and Giardia are microscopic organisms that are relatively widespread in the environment. Surface waters, such as lakes and rivers, that contain a high amount of sewage contamination or animal wastes are more susceptible to increased numbers of these parasites. The Montgomery Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board is taking steps to make sure that these organisms do not pose a problem in your drinking water. Current protection measures taken at the C.T. Perry Water Purification Plant include chlorination, filtration, and monitoring turbidity levels and particle sizes. Additionally, routine backwashing of the filters helps to eliminate the chances of finding these organisms in treated water. Occasionally, we have found these organisms in the raw water, but neither Cryptosporidium nor Giardia has ever been detected in the finished water. We will continue to monitor for these and other contaminants and take all necessary precautions to ensure that your water is safe for your use.

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION FROM THE EPA

All 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 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 radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. People who are immunocompromised, such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV / AIDS positive or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk 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).

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. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.

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. Montgomery Water Works & Sanitary Sewer Board 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 your 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>.

TERMS TO KNOW

Primary Standards – Used as guides to protect public health. Primary standards include maximum contaminant levels, maximum contaminant level goals, action levels, and treatment techniques.

Secondary Standards – Guidelines to assure good aesthetic quality of water. Secondary standards apply to contaminants that affect the taste, odor or color of water, stain sinks or bathtubs, or interfere with treatment processes.

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.

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 of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Treatment Technique – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level – The concentration of a contaminant that triggers treatment or other requirement a water system shall follow.

TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

PRIMARY STANDARDS				MWWSSB		Rolling Hills		
Radiological	Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources
Radium 228	pCi/L	5	0	ND	ND	2.22	2.22	Erosion of natural deposits
<i>* The radiological results are from the most recent testing done in 2003 in accordance with applicable regulations.</i>								
Turbidity	Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Single Measurement	Samples Meeting Limits	Highest Single Measurement	Samples Meeting Limits	Likely Sources
Turbidity	NTU	TT	n/a	0.27	100%	-	-	Soil runoff
<i>* Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.</i>								
Inorganic Chemicals	Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources
Barium	ppm	2	2	0.09	ND - 0.09	ND	ND	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper*	ppm	AL = 1.3	1.3	90th Percentile Value = 0.163	Zero sites above action level	-	-	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	1	ND - 1	ND	ND	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	ppm	10	10	0.5	ND - 0.5	ND	ND	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

** Copper results are from the most recent testing done in 2011 in accordance with applicable regulations.*

PRIMARY STANDARDS				MWWSSB		Rolling Hills		
Organic Chemicals	Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources
Carbon Tetrachloride	ppb	5	0	1	ND - 1	ND	ND	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
Chlorine Dioxide	ppb	800	800	760	11 - 760	-	-	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorite	ppm	1	0.8	0.95	0.02 - 0.95	-	-	Byproduct of drinking water disinfectant
Disinfection Byproducts	Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detected Levels	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Detected Levels	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources
Haloacetic Acids	ppb	60	0	24	ND - 24	-	-	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	80	0	51	ND - 51	-	-	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
SECONDARY STANDARDS				MWWSSB		Rolling Hills		
Inorganic Chemicals	Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources
Aluminum	ppb	200	-	200	ND - 200	ND	ND	
Chloride	ppm	250	-	21	6 - 21	15	15	Water additive used to control microbes
Color	units	15	-	8	2 - 8	8	8	
Foaming Agents	ppb	500	-	84	ND - 84	56	56	
Iron	ppb	300	-	131	ND - 131	ND	ND	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese	ppb	50	-	23	ND - 23	ND	ND	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from landfills
Sulfate	ppm	250	-	22	4 - 22	18	18	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	500	-	264	60 - 264	242	242	Erosion of natural deposits

SECONDARY STANDARDS				MWWSSB		Rolling Hills		
Inorganic Chemicals (unregulated)*	Units	MCL	MCLG	Average Detected Levels	Range of Detected Levels	Average Detected Levels	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources
Alkalinity, Total	ppm	NS	NS	108	17 - 185	168	168	Alkalinity comes from the bicarbonate, hydroxide components of a natural or treated water supply
Calcium	ppm	NS	NS	13	2 - 36	8	8	Erosion of natural deposits
Carbon Dioxide	ppm	NS	NS	1	ND - 3	3	3	Erosion of natural deposits
Conductivity	uS/cm	NS	NS	227	100 - 333	306	306	
Hardness, Total	ppm	NS	NS	40	6 - 114	26	26	Calcium carbonate occurs as erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium	ppm	NS	NS	1.6	0.2 - 1.8	1.1	1.1	Erosion of natural deposits
pH	std units	NS	NS	8.2	7.5 - 8.8	8.1	8.1	pH identifies the presence of acid or base in water
Sodium	ppm	NS	NS	52	3 - 111	91	91	Erosion of natural deposits
Organic Chemicals (unregulated)*	Units	MCL	MCLG	Average Detected Levels	Range of Detected Levels	Average Detected Levels	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources
Total Organic Carbon	ppm	NS	NS	1.2	1.0 - 1.4	-	-	Naturally present in the environment

** Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.*