SouthWest Water Company®

2020 Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

River Oaks Ranch

What's inside?

This is an annual, overall summary report of the water quality in your area that explains the source of your water, test results and general information for those with health concerns. The analysis was made using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water. If you have any questions concerning water quality or the source of your water, please call our Regulatory Department at 512-531-6271.

Our drinking water meets or exceeds all federal (EPA) drinking water requirements.

Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems: You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or immune-compromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

En Espanol: Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre éste informe en espanol, favor de llamar al tel 1-866-654-7992 para hablar con una persona bilingue en espanol.

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Water empowered.℠

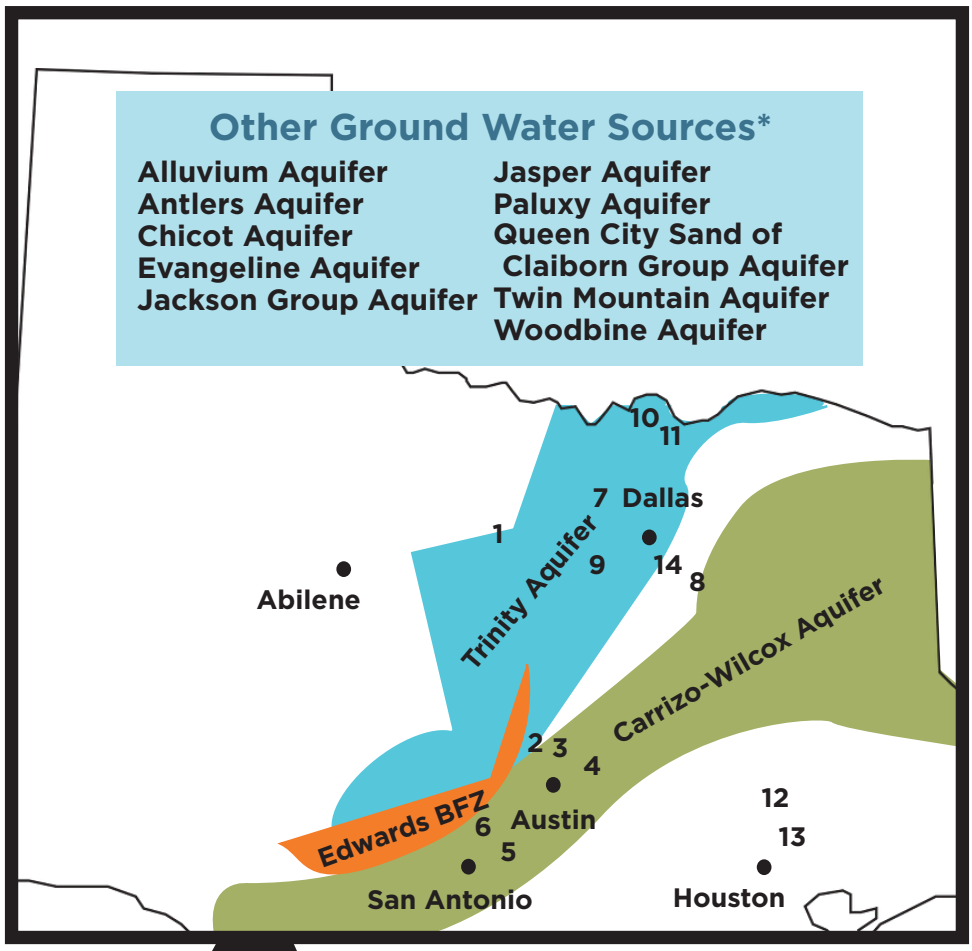
Your Water Source

Our drinking water is obtained from the ground water source - Trinity Middle Aquifer.

ON THE MAP

Other Ground Water Sources*

- Alluvium Aquifer
- Antlers Aquifer
- Chicot Aquifer
- Evangeline Aquifer
- Jackson Group Aquifer
- Jasper Aquifer
- Paluxy Aquifer
- Queen City Sand of Claiborn Group Aquifer
- Twin Mountain Aquifer
- Woodbine Aquifer



Lake Sources

1. Possum Kingdom Lake
2. Lake Travis
3. Lake Austin
4. Lake Pflugerville
5. Lake Dunlap
6. Canyon Lake
7. Lake Bridgeport
8. Lake Palestine
9. Lake Granbury
10. Lake Texoma
11. Lake Randell
12. Lake Livingston
13. Lake Houston
14. Cedar Creek Reservoir

*These aquifers were too small to put on this map, but check it out online!

Public Participation Opportunities: The Utility does not hold regularly scheduled meetings. However, if you wish to contact the owners, please call our Customer Care at 866-654-7992.

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TYPES OF SOURCES

- rivers
- lakes
- streams
- ponds
- reservoirs
- springs
- wells

What is ground water?

The water found underground in the cracks and spaces in soil, sand and rock. It is stored in and moves slowly through geologic formations of soil, sand and rocks called aquifers.

What's the water quality before treatment?

The ground water we use has less contaminants than surface water because there is not much human interaction. Therefore, the water does not require as much filtration as our surface water.

Why are there contaminants?

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 before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants. Therefore, **all drinking water may contain contaiminants.** The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) completed an assessment of our source water and the results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for our water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detection of these contaminants will be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

HOW IS GROUND WATER TREATED?

1

Starts With the Source

Water comes in pumped through a well from your local aquifer.

Cleaning the Water

2

Water is treated and sanitized with chlorine. This process is called chlorination. It is an effective way to kill naturally-occuring germs in ground water, and is a common practice by most systems.

3

Ends at Your Tap

Once the water has been cleaned, it goes into a ground storage tank and is ready for you to turn on your tap.

1: Well

2: Chlorination

3: Storage Tank

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What are the charts about?

The charts on the pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminents which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

How to read the charts:

From left to right, you will see the year the water was required to be tested, the contaminant we tested for, the amount detected within the water, the acceptable level developed by the EPA, and the source of the mentioned contaminant. For an even more detailed explanation, below are the definitions of the terms used within the charts.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety before the contaminant reaches a harmful level.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest allowable level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as possible using the best available treatment technology.

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 contamination.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)

The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that an addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Treatment Technique (TT)

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

Action Level (AL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium or iron) which are often found in drinking water can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

Abbreviations

NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units
MFL – million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
pCi/L – picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm – parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb – parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg /L)
ppt – parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq – parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

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Inorganic Contaminants

Year	Contaminant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
2018	Fluoride (ppm)	0.33	0.33	0.33	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

Radioactive Contaminants TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Volatile Organic Contaminants TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Organic Contaminants

Year	Contaminant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
2020	Xylenes (ppm)	0.002	0.002	0.002	10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

Year	Disinfectant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
2020	Chlorine Residual (ppm)	1.69	0.20	3.20	4.00	4.00	Disinfectant used to control microbes

Unregulated Initial Distribution System Evaluation for Disinfection Byproducts (DBP2)

Year	Contaminant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Typical Source
2019	Total Haloacetic Acids	4.1	4.1	4.1	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2019	Total Trihalomethanes	8.9	8.9	8.9	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Unregulated Contaminants

Bromoform, chloroform, bromodichloromethane, and dibromochloromethane are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Year	Contaminant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	Typical Source
2019	Chloroform	1.4	1.4	1.4	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Lead and Copper

Year	Contaminant	90% of Test Levels Were Less Than	# of Tests With Levels Above EPA's Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Typical Source
2019	Lead	0	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2019	Copper	0.017	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

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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. This water supply 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.

Turbidity NOT REQUIRED
Total Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
Fecal Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA

Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated (No associated adverse health effects)

Year	Contaminant	Our Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Limit	Typical Source
2019	Calcium (ppm)	3.72	3.72	3.72	NA	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2018	Chloride (ppm)	16	16	16	300	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.
2016	Copper (ppm)	0.002	0.002	0.002	1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
2019	Magnesium (ppm)	2.17	2.17	2.17	NA	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2019	Sodium (ppm)	53.5	53.5	53.5	NA	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2018	Sulfate (ppm)	240	240	240	300	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2018	Total Alkalinity as CaCO3 (ppm)	125	125	125	NA	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2018	Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	500	500	500	1000	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2019	Total Hardness as CaCO3 (ppm)	18.2	18.2	18.2	NA	Naturally occurring calcium.
2019	Zinc (ppm)	0.008	0.008	0.008	5	Moderately abundant naturally occurring element; used in the metal industry.

In the water loss audit submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for the time period of Jan-Dec 2019, our system lost an estimated 1,382,655 gallons of water, or 17.28% of total water produced. If you have any questions about the water loss audit please call our Customer Care Department at 1-866-454-2334.