



2022 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

CITY OF TEMPLE SOURCE WATER & SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The source of drinking water for the City of Temple is Surface Water which comes from the Leon River, south of Lake Belton and is located within the Brazos River Basin. The TCEQ completed an assessment of the City of Temple's source water, and 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 detections of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at the City of Temple, contact the Water Treatment Plant at 254.298.5940.

For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer: tceq.texas.gov/gis/swaview

Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at: tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en español, favor de llamar al telefono 254-298-5940.

WHY DID I RECEIVE THIS REPORT?

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act to include a requirement that water utilities annually notify customers about their drinking water quality. The law is very specific regarding delivery methods and what information must be included. The law requires water suppliers make a good effort to distribute this report to its citizens. This report may also be seen at local city facilities to ensure that the citizens of Temple are educated on the quality of potable drinking water provided by the City's water utility. If you have any questions about information contained in this report please contact the City's Water Treatment Plant at 254.298.5940.

To participate in the public process, regular City Council meetings occur on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5pm, at Temple's City Hall, 2 N. Main Street. Meetings are open to the public.

DRINKING WATER INFORMATION

The following information is for awareness purposes. The exact wording shown below is required by state regulations.

The sources of drinking water (both tap & 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.

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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800.426.4791. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

* **Microbial contaminants** - viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations & wildlife.

* **Inorganic contaminants** - salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, wastewater discharges, oil/gas production, mining or farming.

* **Pesticides & herbicides** - which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

* **Organic Chemical contaminants** - synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production.

* **Radioactive contaminants** - naturally occurring or result of oil/gas production activities.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the Water Treatment Plant at 254.298.5940.

IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PERSONS ADVISORY

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 health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 1.800.426.4791.

WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS: DEFINITIONS

Action Level (AL)

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

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest permissible level of a contaminant 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 health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)

The highest level of 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 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.

NA

Not applicable

NTU

Nephelometric Turbidity Units 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 (ug/L)

pCi / L


Picocuries per liter; a measure of radioactivity

Treatment Technique (TT)

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

uS / m

Microseimens per meter; unit of electrical conductance

*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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we 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 [epa.gov/safewater/lead](https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead). 

WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

| Substance (Units) | Sample Year | Avg. Level | Min. Level | Max. Level | MCL | MCLG | Substance (Units) |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|------------------|--|
| Turbidity Turbidity (NTU) | 2022 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.13 | Treatment Technique | 100% | Soil Runoff |
| Inorganics Fluoride (ppm) | 2022 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 4.00 | 4.00 | (1) |
| Nitrate as Nitrogen (ppm) | 2022 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 10.00 | 10.00 | (2) |
| Combine radium (pCi/L) | 2022 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 5.00 | 0.00 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Atrazine (ppm) | 2022 | 0.11 | 0.1 | 0.12 | 3 | 3 | Agricultural Runoff |
| Coliform Bacteria Total Coliform bacteria (presence in 5% of samples collected) | 2022 | NA | 0.00% | 0.00% | 5.00% | 0.00% | Naturally present in the environment |
| Disinfection Residual Chloramines (ppm) | 2022 | 2.42 | 1.03 | 4.05 | 4.00 (5) | 4.00 (5) | Water additive used to control microbes |
| Disinfection Byproducts Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) | 2022 | 49.5 | 36.9 | 66.2 | 80 (5) | NA | By product of water disinfection |
| Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) | 2022 | 16.6 | 11.9 | 22.1 | 60 (5) | NA | By product of water disinfection |
| Total Organic Carbon Source Water (ppm) | 2022 | 4.44 | 4.16 | 5.09 | NA | NA | Naturally present in the environment |
| Drinking Water (ppm) | 2022 | 3.06 | 2.96 | 3.33 | NA | NA | |
| Removal Ratio (TT) | 2022 | 1.20 | 1.01 | 1.59 | NA | NA | |
| Unregulated Contaminants (6) Chloroform (ppb) | 2022 | 4.77 | 3.2 | 9.5 | NA | NA | By product of water disinfection |
| Bromoform (ppb) | 2022 | 10.18 | 5.7 | 12.6 | NA | NA | |
| Bromodichloromethane (ppb) | 2022 | 13.55 | 8.4 | 20.5 | NA | NA | |
| Dibromochloromethane (ppb) | 2022 | 19.88 | 13.0 | 24.4 | NA | NA | |
| Secondary & Other Unregulated Constituents Bicarbonate Alkalinity (ppm) | 2022 | 168.00 | 168.00 | 168.00 | NA | NA | Erosion of limestone |
| Total Alkalinity (ppm) | 2022 | 155.00 | 125.00 | 169.00 | NA | NA | Natural soluble minerals/salts |
| Chloride (ppm) | 2022 | 42.00 | 42.00 | 42.00 | 300.00 | NA | Naturally occurring element |
| Conductivity (uS/m) | 2022 | 465.00 | 465.00 | 465.00 | NA | NA | Electrical property of water |
| pH (pH units) | 2022 | 7.55 | 7.34 | 7.80 | >7.00 | NA | Measure of corrosivity |
| Sodium (ppm) | 2022 | 20.8 | 20.8 | 20.8 | NA | NA | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Sulfate (ppm) | 2022 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 300.00 | NA | Naturally occurring compounds |
| Total Dissolved Solids (ppm) | 2022 | 264 | 264 | 264 | NA | NA | Total dissolved mineral constituents |
| Lead & Copper Copper (ppm) | 2022 | 0.11 | 0.014 | 0.33 | Violation? 1.30 | Violation? No | Corrosion of household plumbing and erosion of natural deposits |
| Lead (ppb) | 2022 | 0.0032 | 0.001 | 0.037 | 0.015 | No | |
| Metals Analysis Aluminum (ppm) | 2022 | 0.038 | 0.038 | 0.038 | 0.2 | 0.2 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Barium (ppm) | 2022 | 0.0726 | 0.0726 | 0.0726 | 2.0 | 2.0 | Industrial sources |
| Calcium (ppm) | 2022 | 54.3 | 54.3 | 54.3 | NA | NA | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper, Free (ppm) | 2022 | 0.11 | 0.014 | 0.33 | NA | NA | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Hardness, Calcium & Magnesium (ppm) | 2013 | 149 | 149 | 149 | NA | NA | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Iron (ppm) | 2022 | <0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 | NA | NA | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Magnesium (ppm) | 2022 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | NA | NA | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Manganese (ppm) | 2022 | 0.0014 | 0.0014 | 0.0014 | NA | NA | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Nickel (ppm) | 2022 | 0.0029 | 0.0029 | 0.0029 | NA | NA | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Potassium (ppm) | 2022 | 5.95 | 5.95 | 5.95 | NA | NA | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Sodium (ppm) | 2022 | 20.8 | 20.8 | 20.8 | NA | NA | Erosion of natural deposits |

(1) Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

(2) Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

(3) 90th percentile value

(4) Sites exceeding action level

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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|---|---------------------|
| Public Works Administration | 254.298.5621 |
| Temple Police Dept. (Non-Emergency) | 254.298.5500 |
| Water Treatment Plant | 254.298.5940 |
| Temple Public Library | 254.298.5556 |
| Water Dist./Wastewater Collection | 254.298.5611 |
| Visitors Center | 254.298.5900 |
| Utility Business Office (Water Bill) | 254.298.5616 |
| Animal Control | 254.298.5732 |
| Solid Waste & Recycling Services | 254.298.5725 |
| City Manager's Office | 254.298.5600 |