

## Tradition of Excellence

Since its founding in 1849, the City of Sacramento has considered water quality of utmost importance. This Consumer Confidence Report is presented to enhance your understanding of where your water comes from and what it contains and to confirm that your drinking water continues to meet or exceed all state and federal drinking water standards.

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities is dedicated to providing our customers dependable, high quality water, storm drainage, and wastewater services in a fiscally and environmentally sustainable manner. In doing so, we work to conserve and preserve our water sources.

## California Source Water Quality

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, 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 include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural applications, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the

California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

## Sacramento's Water Source Assessment

The City of Sacramento has two independent water sources. Our primary water source is river water from the American and Sacramento Rivers, which provide 85 percent of our water supply. Groundwater provides the remaining 15 percent. Assessments of potential contaminating activities for the City's Sacramento River and American River water sources were completed in December 2000 and April 2001. These reports indicated that both rivers are most vulnerable to contaminants from recreational activities and that the Sacramento River is also most susceptible to agricultural contaminants. The City of Sacramento, along with several other water utilities updates assessments of the river water sources every five years.

An assessment of the City's groundwater wells was completed in December 2002. Due to the proximity to potential contaminant sources, the wells north of the American River are considered most vulnerable to sewage collection systems, leaking underground storage tanks, known contaminant plumes, agricultural drainage, gas stations, dry cleaners, metal plating and chemical processing storage facilities, electrical/electronic manufacturing, and automobile repair and body shops. Wells south of the American River are considered vulnerable to leaking underground storage tanks and sewage collection systems. Copies of the complete assessments are available for review at the City of Sacramento, Department of Utilities, 1395 35th Avenue, or call 808-5454 to request a summary of the assessments.

## Teamwork : Together We Can Protect Our Water Resources

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities works hard to bring you quality drinking water. Please be careful as you live, work and play to limit what goes into the storm drains and rivers, so we can continue to preserve the quality of the water and our diverse river ecosystem.

**As California faces an unprecedented drought, water is more precious than ever. The City of Sacramento has limited watering days for residents and businesses. Find your watering days, tips to save water and available water conservation services and rebates at [www.SpareSacWater.org](http://www.SpareSacWater.org)**

**Here are some ways that you can help preserve and conserve our water resources.**

**Fill It Up.** Use your dishwasher and washing machine only for full loads.

**Go Green.** Purchase household and garden products that are "least toxic" to the environment.

**Look for Leaks.** Inspect and maintain your car regularly to prevent leaks of oil, antifreeze and other fluids. Also, conserve water by fixing leaks around your home and yard within 48 hours.

**Apply When Dry.** Do not apply lawn or garden products when rain is forecasted and do not over-water your lawn.

**Pick Up After Yourself and Your Pets.** Pick up your trash and put recycling in an appropriate bin. Shovel up animal wastes, seal it in bags and throw it away in a garbage can. Also, when visiting our rivers, be sure to use a public restroom or if your boat has a restroom, be sure to use a pumpout station to dispose of sewage safely.

**Slow the Flow.** Use a low-flow hose nozzle when landscaping and only water on your assigned day. Also use a low-flow showerhead and take showers instead of baths.

**Spend Time in the Gutter.** Keep the gutters clear of debris and lawn clippings to prevent clogging of storm drains. If you are putting out yard clippings for pick up during leaf season, sweep them into the street. Using a yard waste container can protect our local waterways by keeping yard waste out of the storm drain. Call 311 or (916) 264-5011 to request a container.

## Information You Should Know About Water

This Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is a summary of results of tests conducted to detect contaminants in your drinking water. It has been provided to educate you, our customer, about the quality of your drinking water. Many tests were conducted and only those constituents detected are listed in this report.

The CCR includes a comparison of the detected chemicals in the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities' drinking water to the standards set by the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**Your water meets or exceeds all federal and state drinking water standards.**

## Special Information Available

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised 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. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

## Helpful Phone Numbers and Information

*The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities is dedicated to providing our customers dependable, high quality water, storm drainage, and wastewater services in a fiscally and environmentally sustainable manner.*

City of Sacramento Department of Utilities  
(24 hours a day, 7 days a week)  
311 or 264-5011  
[www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities)

USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline  
(800) 426-4791  
<http://water.epa.gov/drink/>

The City Council holds public meetings most Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 915 I Street, Sacramento. You can access Council agendas at [www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk).

本報告有關於您的飲用水的重要資料。請找人為您翻譯，或與能明白該報告的人交談。

Phúc trình này có các chi tiết quan trọng về nước uống của quý vị. Hãy nhờ người dịch cho quý vị, hoặc hỏi người nào hiểu rõ các chi tiết này.

Este informe contiene información importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Pida a alguien que se lo traduzca o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

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Ang report na ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa tubig na inyong iniinum. Magpatulong sa taong maaring magsalin, o makipag-usap sa taong nakakaunawa nito.

Данный рапорт содержит важную информацию о вашей питьевой воде. Переведите его или проконсультируйтесь с тем, кто его понимает.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

[www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities)



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# 2014 WATER QUALITY REPORT

A Consumer Confidence Report for the Citizens of Sacramento

**Congratulations! Your water meets or exceeds all federal and state drinking water standards**

City of  
**SACRAMENTO**  
Department of Utilities

# WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS RESULTS FOR 2014

The following table shows the detected contaminants in your drinking water and compares them with drinking water standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW). To request a complete report, including non-detected items, please call 311 or (916) 264-5011.

**Your water meets or exceeds all current federal and state requirements.**

## DETECTED PRIMARY DRINKING WATER CONSTITUENTS regulated to protect your health

CONSTITUENT	UNITS	PHG or (MCLG) or [MRDLG]	MCL or [MRDL]	SURFACE WATER			GROUND WATER			MAJOR SOURCES
				RANGE	AVERAGE	YEAR OF SAMPLING	RANGE	AVERAGE	YEAR OF SAMPLING	
ALUMINUM	PPM	0.6	1	ND - 0.05	ND	2014	ND - ND	ND	2014	Erosion or leaching of natural deposits and water treatment chemicals added to water
ARSENIC	PPB	0.004	10	ND - ND	ND	2014	2.3 - 3.8	2.9	2014	Erosion or leaching of natural deposits
BARIIUM	PPM	2	1	ND - ND	ND	2014	ND - 0.19	ND	2014	Erosion or leaching of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (a)	PPM	1	2.0	0.8 - 0.8	0.8	2014	0.7 - 1.2	0.9	2014	Water additive that promotes strong teeth
GROSS ALPHA (b)	pCi/L	(0)	15	ND - ND	ND	2012	ND - 7.8	ND	2012 - 2014	Erosion of natural deposits
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM	PPB	0.02	10	ND - ND	ND	2014	ND - 8.4	5.2	2014	Discharge from electroplating factories, leather tanneries, wood preservation, chemical synthesis, refractory production, and textile manufacturing facilities; erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE (AS NITRATE)	PPM	45	45	ND - ND	ND	2014	ND - 19.8	8.8	2014	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
CONTROL OF DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCT PRECURSORS (TOC) (RAW) (c)	PPM	N/A	treatment required if average TOC>2.0	0.9 - 2.4	1.3	2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	Various natural and man-made sources
TURBIDITY	NTU	N/A	TT = 1	0.36 (d)		2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	Soil runoff
		N/A	TT =95% of samples <0.3	99.7% (e)		2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM				RANGE	AVERAGE	YEAR OF SAMPLING	MAJOR SOURCES
CHLORINE	PPM	[4]	[4.0]	ND - 1.4	0.6	2014	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
COLOR (f)	COLOR UNIT	N/A	15	1 - 4	1	2014	Naturally occurring organic materials
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES	PPB	N/A	80	10 - 123 (g)	73	2014	By-product of drinking water disinfection
HALOACETIC ACIDS	PPB	N/A	60	5 - 60	39	2014	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TURBIDITY (f)	NTU	N/A	5	0.04 - 1.1	0.12	2014	Soil runoff

CONSTITUENT	UNITS	PHG OR (MCLG)	MCL OR (MRDL)	LEVEL FOUND	YEAR OF SAMPLING	MAJOR SOURCES
TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA (TOTAL COLIFORM RULE)	% SAMPLES POSITIVE	(0)	5.0%	1.65%	2014	Naturally present in the environment

## DETECTED SECONDARY DRINKING WATER CONSTITUENTS regulated for aesthetic qualities

CONSTITUENT	UNITS	PHG or (MCLG)	MCL	SURFACE WATER			GROUND WATER			MAJOR SOURCES
				RANGE	AVERAGE	YEAR OF SAMPLING	RANGE	AVERAGE	YEAR OF SAMPLING	
CHLORIDE	PPM	N/A	500	5.2 - 6.5	5.9	2014	18 - 66	41	2014	Erosion or leaching of natural deposits
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE	µS/CM	N/A	1600	100 - 160	130	2014	305 - 691	426	2014	Substances that form ions when in water
SULFATE	PPM	N/A	500	8.2 - 13	11	2014	5.1 - 31	11	2014	Erosion or leaching of natural deposits
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS (TDS)	PPM	N/A	1000	50 - 79	64	2014	239 - 430	308	2014	Erosion or leaching of natural deposits

## DETECTED UNREGULATED DRINKING WATER CONSTITUENTS (h)

CONSTITUENT	UNITS	SURFACE WATER			GROUND WATER			DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM		
		RANGE	AVERAGE	YEAR OF SAMPLING	RANGE	AVERAGE	YEAR OF SAMPLING	RANGE	AVERAGE	YEAR OF SAMPLING
HARDNESS	PPM	49 - 67	58	2014	86 - 260	153	2014	N/A	N/A	N/A
SODIUM	PPM	2.7 - 6.7	4.7	2014	18 - 36	27	2014	N/A	N/A	N/A
1,4-DIOXANE	PPB	ND - ND	ND	2014	ND - 0.2	ND	2014	N/A	N/A	N/A
CHLORATE	PPB	ND - ND	ND	2014	ND - ND	ND	2014	ND - 61	ND	2014
MOLYBDENUM	PPB	ND - ND	ND	2014	ND - ND	ND	2014	ND - 1	ND	2014
STRONTIUM	PPB	48 - 130	76	2014	190 - 380	265	2014	48 - 370	181	2014
VANADIUM	PPB	0.4 - 3.0	1.4	2014	15 - 32	22	2014	0.4 - 35	13	2014

## LEAD AND COPPER

CONSTITUENT	UNITS	PHG or (MCLG)	AL	# OF SAMPLES COLLECTED	90TH PERCENTILE LEVEL DETECTED	# OF SITES EXCEEDING AL	YEAR OF SAMPLING	MAJOR SOURCES
LEAD	PPB	0.2	15	53	ND	0	2014	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharge from industrial manufacturing; erosion of natural deposits.
COPPER	PPM	0.30	1.3	53	ND	0	2014	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

(a) -- The City's fluoridation program provides the addition of fluoride to all the City's drinking water. The City adjusts the natural levels of fluoride in our water supplies to the California DDW recommended optimal level.

(b) -- Gross alpha results are used to screen for other constituents, including uranium. During 2014, uranium monitoring was triggered on one well with a result of 4.0 pCi/L.

(c) -- Only surface water sources must monitor for Disinfection By-Product Precursors in raw water.

(d) -- Maximum individual value used for MCL comparison.

(e) -- Minimum monthly value used for MCL comparison.

(f) -- Secondary detected drinking water constituent regulated for aesthetic qualities.

(g) -- Compliance is based on the Locational Running Annual Average. The highest level reported in the range is the result of an individual sample.

(h) -- Unregulated constituents include general water quality parameters such as Hardness and Sodium, as well as contaminants monitored under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) which helps determine where certain water contaminants occur and whether they need to be regulated.

## Water Quality Table Abbreviations

<b>AL:</b> Action Level	<b>N/A:</b> Not Applicable
<b>DLR:</b> Detection Limits for purposes of Reporting	<b>ND:</b> Not Detected
<b>DDW:</b> Division of Drinking Water	<b>NTU:</b> Nephelometric Turbidity Units
<b>MCL:</b> Maximum Contaminant Level	<b>pCi/L:</b> Picocuries per Liter
<b>MCLG:</b> Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	<b>PHG:</b> Public Health Goal
<b>MRDL:</b> Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	<b>TOC:</b> Total Organic Carbon
<b>MRDLG:</b> Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	<b>TT:</b> Treatment Technique
<b>PPB:</b> parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)	<b>µS/cm:</b> microsiemens per centimeter
<b>PPM:</b> parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)	

The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

### Important Definitions

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHG (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

**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 are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**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 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.

**Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS):** MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

**Public Health Goal (PHG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

### What you should know about Lead

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. City of Sacramento Department of Utilities 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 cooking or drinking. 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>.