

HIGH DESERT ESTATES

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Drinking Water Report*2024 Sampling Results**

This is our **annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)** on your drinking water system. The most recently required sampling results have been gathered to inform customers about their tap water. With this information, we hope you will learn more about your water and will help protect the water for future use.

We provide quality drinking water that meets all federal and state requirements.

During recent years we have sampled many different chemicals for contaminants. Contamination is anything other than pure water. We sample total coliform bacteria as an indicator of microorganisms (bacteria, viruses and other small creatures) that should not be present. **The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the past calendar year or in our most recent tests as noted.** 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 a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling our office at **541-236-7284** or **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)**.

EPA's website is www.epa.gov/safewater

Terms and Abbreviations

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. **IDEAL GOAL**

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. **HIGHEST LEVEL ALLOWED**

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **na:** not applicable **nd:** not detectable at testing limit **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter (1 drop in 1 million gallons) **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter (1 drop in 1 billion gallons) **pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).

Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Our Water	Sample Date	Exceedance/ Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3AL	0.047	8-1-23	No	Corrosive water & home plumbing
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	1.2	1-29-24	No	Runoff from fertilizer
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	5.5#	3-8-22	No	Natural deposits, orchards, glass & electronic production
DI(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate	0	0.06	.0013	3-8-22	No	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories

VIOLATIONS & Information Below

We test for **Total Coliform Bacteria** monthly. Source samples were not completed according to the State standards after a Total Coliform Bacteria positive test result on July 17th, and August 14th 2024. We returned to compliance July 28th, and August 25th 2024.

INFORMATION

#ARSENIC: (5.5): While drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

LEVEL 2 INVESTIGATION: We test for **Total Coliform Bacteria** monthly. A Level 2 investigation is triggered when a Level 1 investigation is ongoing. (or E. Coli is detected). When there are two or more positive total coliform samples in the same month, a Level 1 investigation of the distribution system is triggered. We had nine positive test samples in July including one positive **E. coli** test result on July 19th, and eight positive test samples in August. Total Coliform Bacteria are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. The cause was an underground valve on a frost-free spigot leaking water back into the post. All other months of 2024 showed no detection of contamination.

Your drinking water comes from ground water

We have 5 wells drawing water from the Deschutes River Basin Aquifer.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The State of Oregon has completed this assessment plan which includes a map of where the water comes from, possible sources of contamination, and a review of the susceptibility of the source for contamination. This plan is available for public review.

Sources of drinking water: both tap water and bottled water originate as “surface water” from rivers and lakes or as “ground water” from springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. Water picks up wastes from both human and animal activities. Surface water is usually filtered and disinfected to remove bacteria, viruses, and protozoa. Ground water is usually filtered naturally.

Contaminants that may be present include:

Microbial contaminants such as bacteria, viruses, and protozoa are very small living creatures that may be natural and harmless or harmful if originating from septic systems, agricultural livestock operations or wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants such as heavy metals can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges.

Pesticides and herbicides may come from agriculture and residential uses.

Radioactive contaminants are naturally occurring.

Organic chemical contaminants are usually man-made (synthetic) and vaporize easily (volatile). Petroleum products and degreasers are examples of gas station and dry cleaner waste transported by storm water and sewers.

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. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

EPA ensures that tap water is safe to drink by writing regulations that limits both natural and man-made contaminants. We follow both state and federal regulations. Interstate bottled water is regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

HEALTH TIP

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. Our system 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 & steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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Annual Meeting: May 18, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Crook County Library Broughton Room

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