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# ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT 2020

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of  
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020



This report is a summary of the quality of water provided to Lake Worth customers. Analyses were made by using data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) testing requirements and presented in the attached documentation. This information helps you become knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water. Lake Worth's constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of water. For more information regarding this report or concerning your water service, please contact.

City of Lake Worth Water Department  
817-237-1211 ext. 200

En español Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (817) 237-1211 EXT 110. Par hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

## TCEQ Assesses Raw Water Supplies for Susceptibility

The City of Lake Worth produces drinking water from two wells. The water comes from the Paluxy and Trinity Aquifers. Lake Worth also purchases drinking water from the City of Fort Worth. Fort Worth uses surface water from Lake Worth, Eagle Mountain Lake, Lake Bridgeport, Richland Chambers Reservoir, Cedar Creek Reservoir, Lake Benbrook and the Clear Fork Trinity River. Fort Worth owns Lake Worth. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for Benbrook Lake. The other four lakes are owned and operated by Tarrant Regional Water District. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality completed an assessment of Fort Worth's source waters. TCEQ classified the risk to our water source waters as high for most contaminants. High susceptibility means there are activities near the source water or watershed make it very likely that chemical constituents may come into contact with the source water. It does not mean that there are any health risk present. Tarrant Regional Water District, from which Fort Worth purchases its water, received the assessment reports. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact Stacy Walters at 817.392.8203. Further details about the source-water assessments are available in the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Drinking Water Watch database at: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater>

## SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER

The source of drinking (both tap water and bottle water) includes rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, 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 and can pick up substance resulting from the presence of Contaminants that may be present in source. 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 EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff. Industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

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

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

**Radioactive contaminants**, which 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, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulation establish limits for contaminants in bottle water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 system's business office.

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised person such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons 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 (800) 426-4791.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are 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>.

### Information about Source Water Assessments

A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water source(s) is currently being updated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This information describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information contained in the assessment allows us to focus source water protection strategies.

For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer available at:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/gis/swaview>

Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater>

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location	
3 Azle Ave / HWY 820 (PS 2)	Azle Ave / HWY 820	GW	A	Longitude: -97.414927 Latitude: 32.813497
5 Stadium Wall / Boat Club (PS 4)	PS 4	GW	A	Longitude: -97.414448 Latitude: 32.818708
SW from Fort Worth	CC From TX22000012 City of Fort Worth	SW	A	Longitude: -97.421449 Latitude: 31.822186

### CITY OF FORT WORTH DATA:

#### Microorganism testing shows low detections in raw water.

Tarrant Regional Water District monitors the raw water at all intake sites for *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia Lamblia* and viruses. The source is human and animal fecal waste in the watershed. The 2020 sampling showed occasional low level detections of *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia lamblia* in some but not all of the water supply sources. No viruses were detected.

Viruses are treated through disinfection processes.

*Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia Lamblia* are removed through disinfection and/or filtration.



## City of Lake Worth Data for Calendar year 2020

**Regulated Contaminants** - Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

Disinfection By Product	Collection Date	Highest Level or Average Detected	Units	MCL	MCLG	Range	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2020	5	ppb	60	N/A	2.6 - 5.6	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection

\*The value in the Highest Level or Average Detected column is the highest average of all HAA5 sample results collected at a location over a year'

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2020	6	ppb	80	N/A	2.3 - 5.36	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
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\*The value in the Highest Level or Average Detected column is the highest average of all HAA5 sample results collected at a location over a year'

**Inorganic Contaminants** - Nitrate Advisory - Nitrate drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level or Average Detected	Units	MCL	MCLG	Range	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2/04/2019	0.012	ppm	2	2	0.01 - 0.012	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	2/04/2019	1.6	ppb	100	100	1.5 - 1.6	N	Discharge of still and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide	2020	57.7	ppb	200	200	39.4 - 57.7	N	Discharge from plastic and fertilized factories; Discharge from steel/metal factories
Flouride	2020	0.313	ppm	4.0	4	0.313 - 0.13	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	2020	0.239	ppm	10	10	0.0104 - 0.239	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	1/26/2015	0.043	ppm	1	1	0 - 0.043	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level or Average Detected	Units	MCL	MCLG	Range	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	1/20/2016	1.5	pCi/L	5	0	1.5 - 1.5	N	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfectant Residual	Year	Highest Level or Average Detected	Units	MRDL	MRDLG	Range	Violation	Source in Drinking Water
Chlorine Residual	2020	2.3	ppm	4	4	.5 to 3.6	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Lead and Copper	Date Sample	MCLG	Units	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	8/21/2019	1.3	ppm	1.3	0.27	0	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	8/21/2019	0	ppb	15	1.4	0	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

### CITY OF LAKE WORTH: 2018 Water Loss Audit

The City of Lake Worth's Conservation Plan addresses several measures in reducing water loss and improving the efficiency in the use of water. In the water loss audit submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for the time period of January through December 2020, the system lost an estimated 6.57% of water from the 268,954,082 gallons of water produced/purchased. Leaks, line breaks, un-metered fire protection, hydrant flushing for health and safety purposes, unauthorized consumption, data discrepancies, and other factors all contribute to water loss. The city will continue to audit its water supply.



# SW From Fort Worth CC Form TX2200012 City of Fort Worth

The following information is provided by the City of Fort Worth since the City of Lake Worth purchases treated water from Fort Worth.

Compound	Year	Measure	MCL	MCLG	Your Water	Violation	Common Source of Substance
Turbidity	2020	NTU	TT=1	N/A	0.3 to 99.9%	N	Soil runoff (Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. It is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system).

Compound	Year	MCL	MCLG	Your Water	Range	Violation	Common Source of Substance
Total Coliforms (including fecal coliform & E. coli)	2020	TT = 5% of monthly samples are positive	0	1.7%	0 to 1.7%	N	Coliforms are naturally present in the environment as well as feces: fecal coliforms and E. coli only come from human and animal fecal waste.

Compound	Measure	Year	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range	Violation	Common Source of Substance
Beta/photon emitters	pCi/L	2020	0	50	6.8	0 to 6.8	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Arsenic	ppb	2020	0	10	1.5	0 to 1.5	N	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Atrazine	ppb	2020	3	3	0.1	0 to 0.1	N	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops.
Barium	ppm	2020	2	2	0.06	0.05 to 0.06	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	ppb	2020	100	100	3.3	0 to 3.3	N	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Cyanide	ppb	2020	200	200	159	0 to 159	N	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; discharge from steel and metal factories.
Flouride	ppm	2020	4	4	0.52	0.15 to 0.52	N	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	ppm	2020	10	10	0.49	0.19 to 0.58	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	ppm	2020	1	1	0.02	0.01 to 0.02	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Bromate	ppb	2020	0	10	4.79	0 to 11.4	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids	ppb	2020	N/A	60	10.6	3 to 23	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	2020	N/A	80	21.0	1.37 to 56	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Compound	Measure	Year	MRDLG	MRDL	Your Water	Range	Violation	Common Source of Substance
Chloramines	ppm	2020	4	4	3.5	1 to 11	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Compound	MCL	Year	MCLG	High	Low	Average	Violation	Common Source of Substance
Total Organic Carbon	TT = % removal	2020	N/A	1	1	1	N	Naturally occurring

It is used to determine disinfection by-product precursors. Fort Worth was in compliance with all monitoring and treatment technique requirements for disinfection by-product precursors. **A removal of 1 in Specific Ultra Violet Absorbance calculations is considered passing.**

'Because Fort Worth historically has had low levels of radionuclides in its water, TCEQ requires this monitoring occur only once every six years. The test results shown above are from 2017. The next monitoring will occur in 2023.

### Unregulated Contaminants

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.

Compound	Measure	MRDL	MRDLG	Average	Range	Common Source of Substance
Bromoform	ppb	Not regulated	0	0.85	0 to 3.53	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection; not regulated individually; included in Total Trihalomethanes
Bromodichloromethane	ppb	Not regulated	0	2.93	3.18 to 17.5	
Chloroform	ppb	Not regulated	70	3.05	3.10 to 24.7	
Dibromochloromethane	ppb	Not regulated	60	2.73	1.59 to 11.8	
Dibromoacetic Acid	ppb	Not regulated	N/A	1.33	1.70 to 3	
Dichloroacetic Acid	ppb	Not regulated	0	4.11	4.20 to 11	
Monobromoacetic Acid	ppb	Not regulated	N/A	0.02	0 to 1	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection; not regulated individually; included in Haloacetic Acids
Monochloroacetic Acid	ppb	Not regulated	70	0.49	1 to 5	
Trichloroacetic Acid	ppb	Not regulated	20	0.1	0 to 5	

### Corrosion Control

To meet the requirements of the Lead and Copper Rule, Fort Worth achieves corrosion control through pH adjustment.

### Secondary Constituents

These items do not relate to public health but rather to the aesthetic effects. These items are often important to industry.

Compound	Measure	Your Water
Bicarbonate	ppm	108 to 131
Calcium	ppm	37.9 to 50.8
Chloride	ppm	19.3 to 37.6
Conductivity	umhos/cm	324 to 440
pH	units	8.2 to 8.4
Magnesium	ppm	4.24 to 8.12
Sodium	ppm	18 to 26.9
Sulfate	ppm	20.6 to 36.5
Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	ppm	108 to 131
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	181 to 277
Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	ppm	112 to 160
Total Hardness in Grains	grains/gallon	7 to 9

## UCMR 4

Fort Worth's testing detected only four of the 30 compounds included in the fourth round of unregulated contaminant monitoring. The detections were one metal and three haloacetic acid disinfection byproduct groups.

Compound	Measure	Average	Range of Detects	Common Source of Substance
Manganese	ppb	0.93	0.40 to 4.19	Naturally occurring; used in drinking water and waste-water treatment; used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries and fireworks
HAA5	ppb	3.94	1.27 to 5.11	
HAA6Br	ppb	3.16	1.71 to 4.05	Byproducts of drinking water disinfection
HAA9	ppb	6.26	2.98 to 7.47	

## Haloacetic Acid Groups

This table includes all of the compounds that comprise each of the haloacetic acid groups. Compounds that are not detected are usually not listed in the charts in this report; however, those undetected are listed below to provide complete information on the compounds that comprise each of the three groups in the table above.

Compound	Measure	Average	Range of Detects	HAA5	HAA6BR	HAA9	Common Source of Substance
Dichloroacetic Acid	ppb	3.10	1.27 to 4.91	HAA5		HAA9	Byproducts of drinking water disinfection
Monochloroacetic Acid	ppb	0	0 to 0	HAA5		HAA9	
Trichloroacetic Acid	ppb	0	0 to 0	HAA5		HAA9	
Monobromoacetic Acid	ppb	0	0 to 0	HAA5	HAA6BR	HAA9	
Dibromoacetic Acid	ppb	0.84	0 to 1.75	HAA5	HAA6BR	HAA9	
Bromochloroacetic Acid	ppb	2.32	1.71 to 2.76		HAA6BR	HAA9	
Bromodichloroacetic Acid	ppb	0	0 to 0		HAA6BR	HAA9	
Chlorodibromoacetic Acid	ppb	0	0 to 0		HAA6BR	HAA9	
Tribromoacetic Acid	ppb	0	0 to 0		HAA6BR	HAA9	

## UCMR 4 Compounds not Detected

### Cyanotoxins

Total microcystin  
microcystin-LA  
microcystin-LF  
microcystin-LR  
microcystin-LY  
microcystin-RR  
microcystin-YR  
nodularin  
anatoxin-a  
cylindrospermopsin

### Metals

Germanium

### Semi-volatile Chemicals

butylated hydroxyanisole  
o-toluidine  
quinoline

### Alcohols

1-butanol  
2-methoxyethanol  
2-propen-1-ol

### Pesticides and Pesticide

#### Manufacturing Byproduct

alpha-hexachlorocyclohexane  
chlorpyrifos  
dimethipin  
ethoprop  
oxyfluorfen  
profenofos  
tebuconazole  
total permethrin (cis- & trans-)  
tribufos



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

**ALG** (Action Level Goal) – The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MRDL** (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level) – The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**MRDGL** (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDGLs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

**MCLG** (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

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

**NTU** – Nephelometric Turbidity Units (a measure of turbidity.)

**pCi/l** – picocuries per liter  
(measurement of radioactivity)

**Ppm** – milligrams per liter or parts per million or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

**Ppb** – micrograms per liter of parts per billion or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

**NA** – not applicable

**MCL** – (Maximum Contaminant Level) The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

# STORMWATER POLLUTION

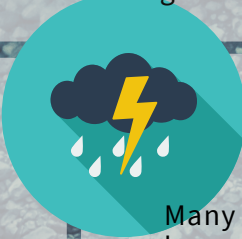
Protect our Water!

## WHAT IS STORMWATER?

Stormwater is rain that falls on roofs or paved area like driveways and roads. It picks up chemicals and materials that are not naturally found in our waterways ie. fertilizers, cigarette butts, leaves, oil, soaps, etc. and carries them directly into the surrounding lakes and rivers. Stormwater is separate from the sewage system, unlike wastewater, rainwater is not treated, and flows directly into the bodies of water that we use for swimming, fishing, and those that provide drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.










## WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Rain washes pollutants from the streets and construction sites into storm sewers and ditches. Eventually, the polluted water from these systems get washed into streams and rivers with no treatment. This problem is known as stormwater pollution. Stormwater pollution can have many adverse effects on creeks, rivers, lakes and water supplies as well as plants, fish, animals, and people.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Many routine activities that you perform at home can have significant negative impacts on our stormwater system. Through some of these simple at home measures, you can help protect our natural resources.

-  Sweep your gutters and driveways instead of hosing them down
-  Put leaves in the compost or the garden as mulch
-  Use commercial carwashes instead of washing your car in your driveway
-  Have routine maintenance performed on your cars to prevent leaks and properly dispose of fluids
-  Clean up pet waste
-  Use chemical pesticides as a last resort, know your pest, and narrowly target it
-  Do not apply fertilizers in excess or if rain is forecasted
-  Plant grass where soil is exposed and enclose your garden beds to contain soil and other substances
-  Properly dispose of hazardous household products

**"THE DRAIN IS FOR THE RAIN!"**

