

Chuckanut Trails Water System

2022 Consumer Confidence Report

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is for the 2022 calendar year. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Where does my water come from?

The drinking water supplied to your home originates from two wells within our service area. The water is of high quality, and Chuckanut Trails Water System is pleased to report the drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements **for safe drinking water**.

Source water assessment and availability

Our wells are protected from surface water intrusion, the aquifer has an abundance of water.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

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 **Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 1-800-426-4791**. 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 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, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, 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; and 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 that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Your Water Quality Data

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table on the following page lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year unless otherwise noted. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In the following water quality data table, you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions in the area following the table found on page 2.

Do I need to take special precautions?

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/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 Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Year 2022 Water Quality Data

Chuckanut Trails Water System, System ID # 01383

Primary Contaminants Regulated at the Water Source

| Detected Substance | Test Date | Detected Level | Action Level | Highest Level Allowed (MCL) | MCLG | Unit Measurement | Violation? | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nitrate | 7/6/21 | ND | 5.0 | 10.0 | | Mg/L | No | Runoff from fertilizer use. Leaching from septic tanks, sewage. Erosion of natural deposits |
| Arsenic | 11/2020 | 0.0027 - 0.0052 (2.7-5.2 ppb) | - | .01 (10 ppb) | | mg/L (ppb) | No (No) | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes |
| Cyanide | 11/2020 | ND | - | .2 | | mg/l | No | Discharge from steel/metal factories; Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories |
| Conductivity | 11/2020 | 446-470 | - | 700 | | Umhos/cm | No | A measure of the ability of water to carry an electric current |
| Sulfate | 11/2020 | ND – 51.2 | - | 250 | | mg/L | No | Naturally occurring; mines and industrial effluents are also a source |
| Mercury | 11/2020 | ND | - | 0.0020 | | mg/L | No | Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries & factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland |
| Beryllium | 11/2020 | ND | - | 0.004 | | mg/L | No | Discharge from metal refineries & coal-burning factories; Discharge from electrical aerospace and defense industries |
| Lead | 11/2020 | ND | 0.015 | - | | mg/L | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride | 11/2020 | 0.8 - 0.86 | - | 4.0000 | | mg/L | No | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Chloride | 11/2020 | ND | - | 250 | | mg/L | No | Sea water intrusion; sewage effluent; animal manure; industrial waste |

Primary Contaminants Regulated at Customer Tap

| Detected Substance | Test Date | Detected Level | Action Level | Percentile | Unit Measurement | Violation? | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Copper (5 sites tested) | 2022 | 0.03655 <i>0 samples exceeded the Action Level</i> | 1.3 | N/A | mg/L | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |
| Lead (5 sites tested) | 2022 | ND <i>0 samples exceeded the Action Level</i> | 15 | N/A | mg/L | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |

Secondary Contaminants Regulated at the Water Source

| Detected Substance | Test Date | Detected Level | MCLG | Highest Level Allowed (SMCL) | Unit Measurement | Violation? | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------|------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sodium | 11/2020 | 94 - 103 | NA | NA | mg/L | No | Naturally present in environment |
| Iron | 11/2020 | ND - 0.0165 | NA | 0.3 | mg/L | No | Leaching of natural deposits; industrial wastes; acidic mine discharge |
| Turbidity | 11/2020 | 0.02 – 0.04 | NA | NA | NTU | No | Soil runoff |

Water Definitions and Unit Descriptions:

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: 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. MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: 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. SMCL: Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level: These standards are developed to protect the aesthetic qualities of drinking water and are not health based. AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L) mg/L: milligrams per liter (mg/L) ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/L) pCi/L: picocuries per liter Umhos/cm: micro ohms per centimeter TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. NTU: nephelometric turbidity units ND: Not Detected NA: Not Applicable

Arsenic

Your drinking water currently meets EPA's standard for arsenic. However, it does contain low levels of arsenic. There is a small chance that some people who drink water containing low levels of arsenic for many years could develop circulatory disease, cancer, or other health problems. Most types of cancer and circulatory disease are due to factors other than exposure to arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's health effects against the cost of removing arsenic from drinking water.

Water Use Efficiency

Water Associations are required to prepare a Water Use Efficiency Program which includes setting goals for Wise Use of water. More importantly, tracking this information will help us monitor for possible leaks that can reduce water pressure and present the opportunity for contamination. We ask all our water users to keep an eye out for unexpected running water or indications of a leak such as soggy ground or green areas that are normally dry, especially in the summer months.

2022 Water Use Efficiency

| Total Water Produced | Total Water Consumed | Distribution System Leakage | Goal (Leakage Standards) |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5.26 MG | 4.67 MG | 11.31 % <i>(12.24 % 3-Year Running Average)</i> | < 10 % |

*MG = Million Gallons

Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference—try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers—a 5-minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They are inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your children about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
- Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

How can I learn more or get involved?

To learn more or get involved, please contact the board of directors at PO Box 4358, Bellingham, WA 98227

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