

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Reporting Year 2021



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Lead in Home Plumbing

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 two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. (If you do so, you may wish to collect the flushed water and reuse it for another beneficial purpose, such as watering plants.) 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 at (800) 426-4791 or online at: www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

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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 can 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, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and which can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural applications, and septic systems;

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Test Results

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Arsenic (ppb)	2021	10	0.004	0.56	ND-3.2	Yes	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2021	1	2	0.026	ND-0.17	Yes	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
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Fluoride (ppm)	2021	2.0	1	0.07	ND-0.19	Yes	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)	2021	15	(0)	2.39	1.04-4.29	Yes	Erosion of natural deposits
HAA5 [sum of 5 haloacetic acids]—Stage 2 (ppb)	2021	60	NA	24.3	ND-29	Yes	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Hexavalent Chromium¹ (ppb) [Included with UCMR 3 sampling in 2015. Results did not require additional sampling.]	2015	NS	0.02	ND	ND-2.2	Yes	Discharge from electroplating factories, leather tanneries, wood preservation, chemical synthesis, refractory production, and textile manufacturing facilities; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate [as nitrogen]² (ppm)	2021	10	10	2.05	ND-11	Yes ²	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228 (pCi/L)	2021	5	0.019	0.264	ND-0.481	Yes	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Coliform Bacteria [state Total Coliform Rule] (% positive samples)	2021	5.0% of monthly samples are positive	(0)	3.57% (Jul.) 2.21% (Aug.)	NA	Yes	Naturally present in the environment
TTHMs [total trihalomethanes]—Stage 2 (ppb)	2021	80	NA	57.3	ND-70	Yes	By-product of drinking water disinfection

SURFACE WATER

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Turbidity (NTU)	2021	TT	NA	0.044	0.027–0.044	Yes	Soil runoff
Turbidity (lowest monthly percent of samples meeting limit)	2021	TT = 95% of samples meet the limit	NA	100%	NA	Yes	Soil runoff

Tap water samples were collected for lead and copper analyses from sample sites throughout the community

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	PHG (MCLG)	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	AVERAGE DETECTED (90TH %ILE)	SITES ABOVE AL/ TOTAL SITES	IN COMPLIANCE	TYPICAL SOURCE
Copper (ppm)	2021	1.3	0.3	NS	0.17	0/53	Yes	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	2021	15	0.2	NS	ND	0/53	Yes	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits

SECONDARY SUBSTANCES

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	PHG (MCLG)	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	IN COMPLIANCE	TYPICAL SOURCE
Chloride (ppm)	2021	500	NS	NS	6.7	3.4–38	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Color (units)	2021	15	NS	NS	0.1	ND–5	Yes	Naturally occurring organic materials
Iron (ppb)	2021	300	NS	NS	12	ND–480	Yes	Leaching from natural deposits
Manganese (ppb)	2021	50	NS	NS	1.04	ND–180	Yes	Leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	2021	1,600	NS	NS	164	56–690	Yes	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	2021	500	NS	NS	7.1	1.7–38	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2021	1,000	NS	NS	161	34–420	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	2021	5	NS	NS	0.16	ND–3.9	Yes	Soil runoff

UNREGULATED SUBSTANCES³

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	TYPICAL SOURCE
Hardness, Total [as CaCO ₃] (ppm)	2021	65.6	16–290	Naturally occurring polyvalent cations, generally magnesium and calcium
Sodium (ppm)	2021	13.2	4.3–59	Naturally occurring

OTHER UNREGULATED SUBSTANCES³

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH
Perfluorooctanesulfonate Acid [PFOS] ^{4,5} (ppt)	2021	3.83	ND–22
Perfluorooctanoic Acid [PFOA] ^{4,6} (ppt)	2021	2.23	ND–13

¹ There is currently no MCL for hexavalent chromium. The previous MCL of 0.010 mg/L was withdrawn on September 11, 2017. Some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of 0.010 mg/L over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

² In July 2021, one Nitrate sample collected from Well 36 was 10.8 mg/L. Well 36 was immediately removed from service and will remain offline until the high Nitrate issue is resolved. Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 mg/L can be a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies.

³ Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps U.S. EPA and the State Water Resources Control Board to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the contaminants need to be regulated.

⁴ Part of a larger group of chemicals referred to as per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Studies indicate that long-term exposure to PFOS and PFOA over certain levels could have adverse health effects. Potential health impacts related to PFAS compounds are still being studied, and research is still evolving. Although there is no Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set for these substances, we have proactively monitored sources and will continue to do so.

⁵ During the year, Wells 42, T-5, and T-6 had PFOS test results above the Notification Level (NL) of 6.5 ppt but were below the Response Level (RL) of 40 ppt. Well T-5 was offline all year.

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Definitions

90th %ile: The levels reported for lead and copper represent the 90th percentile of the total number of sites tested. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90 percent of our lead and copper detections.

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

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

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 are set by the U.S. EPA.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level): 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.

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NA: Not applicable.

ND (Not detected): Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

NL (Notification Level): Established health-based advisory levels.

NS: No standard.

NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units): Measurement of the clarity, or turbidity, of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

pCi/L (picocuries per liter): A measure of radioactivity.

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

PHG (Public Health Goal): 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 EPA.

ppb (parts per billion): One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

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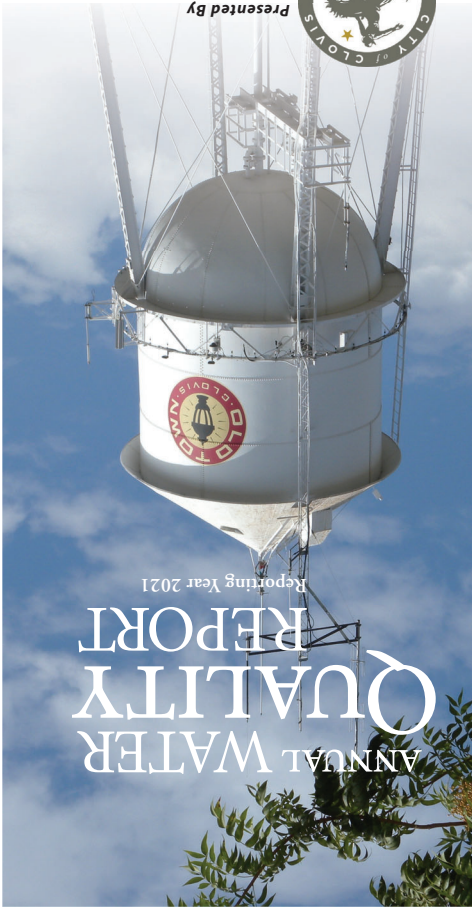
ppt (parts per trillion): One part substance per trillion parts water (or nanograms per liter).

RL (Response Level): Level at which recommendation occurs.

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

µmho/cm (micromhos per centimeter): A unit expressing the amount of electrical conductivity of a solution.

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SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AL	PHG (MCLG)	AVERAGE DETECTED (90TH %ILE)	SITES ABOVE AL/ TOTALSITES	IN COMPLIANCE	TYPICAL SOURCE
Copper (ppm)	2021	1.3	0.3	0.17	0/53	Yes	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	2021	15	0.2	ND	0/53	Yes	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits

SECONDARY SUBSTANCES							
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	IN COMPLIANCE	TYPICAL SOURCE
Chloride (ppm)	2021	500	NS	6.7	3.4-38	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Color (units)	2021	15	NS	0.1	ND-5	Yes	Naturally occurring organic materials
Iron (ppb)	2021	300	NS	12	ND-480	Yes	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Manganese (ppb)	2021	50	NS	1.04	ND-180	Yes	Leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	2021	1,600	NS	164	56-690	Yes	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	2021	500	NS	7.1	1.7-38	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2021	1,000	NS	161	34-420	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	2021	5	NS	0.16	ND-3.9	Yes	Soil runoff

UNREGULATED SUBSTANCES ³				
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	TYPICAL SOURCE
Hardness, Total [as CaCO ₃] (ppm)	2021	65.6	16-290	Naturally occurring polyvalent cations, generally magnesium and calcium
Sodium (ppm)	2021	13.2	4.3-59	Naturally occurring

OTHER UNREGULATED SUBSTANCES ⁴			
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH
Perfluorooctanesulfonate Acid [PFOS] ⁵ (ppt)	2021	3.83	ND-22
Perfluorooctanoic Acid [PFOA] ⁶ (ppt)	2021	2.23	ND-13

¹ There is currently no MCL for hexavalent chromium. The previous MCL of 0.010 mg/L was withdrawn on September 11, 2017. Some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of 0.010 mg/L over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

² In July 2021, one Nitrate sample collected from Well 36 was 10.8 mg/L. Well 36 was immediately removed from service and will remain offline until the high Nitrate issue is resolved. Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 mg/L can be a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies.

³ Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps U.S. EPA and the State Water Resources Control Board to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the contaminants need to be regulated.

⁴ Part of a larger group of chemicals referred to as per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Studies indicate that long-term exposure to PFOS and PFOA over certain levels could have adverse health effects. Potential health impacts related to PFAS compounds are still being studied, and research is still evolving. Although there is no Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set for these substances, we have proactively monitored sources and will continue to do so.

⁵ During the year, Wells 42, T-5, and T-6 had PFOS test results above the Notification Level (NL) of 6.5 ppt but were below the Response Level (RL) of 40 ppt. Well T-5 was offline all year.

⁶ During the year, Well sites 42 and T-5 had PFOA test results above the NL of 5.1 ppt. Well T-5 had results above the RL of 10 ppt, but was offline and did not run into the water system.

Water Conservation

Please visit our website for current information on allowed watering days and conservation requirements. For customers who wish to replace their existing 5- to 7-gallon-per-flush toilets with ultra-low flow (1.28 gallon) models, rebates up to \$75 are available with advance approval from the City. The City also has low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators available at no charge. High-efficiency washing machine rebates of \$35 to \$50 per qualified machine purchased and installed are also available. Call (559) 324-2600 or visit cityofclovis.com for information on rebates, water use audits, and fixture replacements.

Definitions

90th %ile: The levels reported for lead and copper represent the 90th percentile of the total number of sites tested. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90 percent of our lead and copper detections.

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

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

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 are set by the U.S. EPA.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level): 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.

MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal): The level of a 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.

NA: Not applicable.

ND (Not detected): Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

NL (Notification Level): Established health-based advisory levels.

NS: No standard.

NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units): Measurement of the clarity, or turbidity, of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

pCi/L (picocuries per liter): A measure of radioactivity.

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

PHG (Public Health Goal): 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 EPA.

ppb (parts per billion): One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

ppm (parts per million): One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

ppt (parts per trillion): One part substance per trillion parts water (or nanograms per liter).

RL (Response Level): Level at which recommendation occurs.

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

µmho/cm (micromhos per centimeter): A unit expressing the amount of electrical conductivity of a solution.