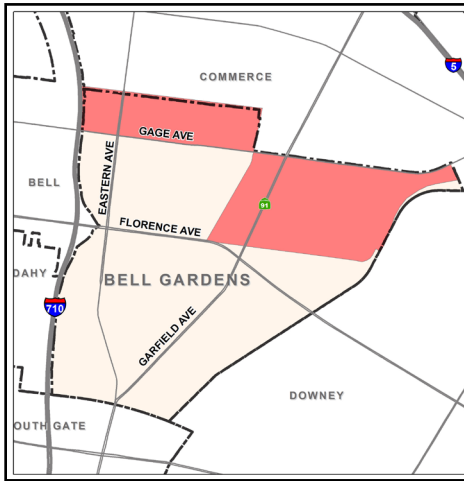


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2024 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Since 1991, California water utilities have been providing information on water served to its consumers. This report, prepared in April 2025, is a snapshot of the tap water quality that we provided last year. Included are details about where your water comes from, how it is tested, what is in it, and how it compares with state and federal limits. We strive to keep you informed about the quality of your water, and to provide a reliable and economic supply that meets all regulatory requirements.



Where Does My Tap Water Come From?

Your tap water comes from 2 sources: groundwater and surface water. We get our water from local ground-water wells and our water also comes from

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) surface water from both the Colorado River and the State Water Project in northern California. These water sources supply our service area shown on the adjacent map. In 2024, 100% of the water came from MWD. The quality of our groundwater and MWD's surface water supplies is presented in this report.

How is My Drinking Water Tested?

Your drinking water is tested regularly for unsafe levels of chemicals, radioactivity and bacteria at the source and in the distribution system. We test weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually or less often depending on the substance. State and federal laws allow us to test some substances less than once per year because their levels do not change frequently. All water quality tests are conducted by specially trained technicians in state-certified laboratories.

What Are Drinking Water Standards?

The U.S Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) limits the amount of certain substances allowed in tap water. In California, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) regulates tap water quality by enforcing limits that are at least as stringent as the Federal EPA's. Historically, California limits are more stringent than the Federal ones.

There are two types of these limits, known as standards. Primary standards protect you from substances that could potentially affect your health. Secondary standards regulate substances that affect the aesthetic qualities of water. Regulations set a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for each of the primary and secondary standards. The MCL is the

highest level of a substance that is allowed in your drinking water.

Public Health Goals (PHGs) are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency. PHGs provide more information on the quality of drinking water to customers, and are similar to their federal counterparts, Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs). PHGs and MCLGs are advisory levels that are nonenforceable. Both PHGs and MCLGs are concentrations of a substance below which there are no known or expected health risks.

How Do I Read the Water Quality Table?

Although we test for over 100 substances, regulations require us to report only those found in your water. The first column of the water quality table lists substances detected in your water. The next columns list the average concentration and range of concentrations found in your drinking water. Following are columns that list the MCL and PHG or MCLG, if appropriate. The last column describes the likely sources of these substances in drinking water.

Bell Gardens is proud to tell you that there have been no contaminants detected that exceed any federal or state drinking water standards. Hundreds of samples every month and thousands every year by Bell Gardens and MWD laboratories assure that all primary (health related) and secondary (aesthetic) drinking water standards are being met.

Why Do I See So Much Coverage in the News About the Quality Of Tap Water?

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, including 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, which 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 byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, 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, the USEPA and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Board regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

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 (1-800-426-4791). You can also get more information on tap water by logging on to these helpful web sites:

- <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/safe-drinking-water-information>
(USEPA's web site)
- http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certification/drinkingwater/Chemicalcontaminants.html
(State Board web site)

Lead & Copper Although Bell Gardens has not found lead or copper to be an issue in our water systems, the following information is required by State Water Resources Control Board. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problem, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Bell Gardens 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, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

Should I Take Additional Precautions?

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

Source Water Assessment

MWD completed an assessment of its Colorado River and State Water Project supplies in 2002. Colorado River supplies are considered most vulnerable to recreation, urban/storm water runoff, increasing urbanization in the watershed, and wastewater. State Water Project supplies are considered most

vulnerable to urban/storm water runoff, wildlife, agriculture, recreation and wastewater. A copy of the assessment can be obtained by contacting MWD at (213) 217-6850.

The City of Bell Gardens conducted an assessment of its groundwater supplies in 2003. Groundwater supplies are considered most vulnerable to automobile gas stations, chemical/petroleum processing/storage, known contaminant plumes, and metal plating/finishing/fabricating. A copy of the approved assessment may be obtained by mailing a request to the City of Bell Gardens, 8327 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201 Attention Veronica Sanchez, Management Analyst.

How Can I Participate in Decisions On Water Issues That Affect Me?

The public is welcome to attend City Council meetings the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at 7100 South Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201.

How Do I Contact My Water Agency If I Have Any Questions About Water Quality?

If you have specific questions about your tap water quality, please contact Veronica Sanchez at (562) 806-7770.

Some Helpful Water Conservation Tips

- Fix leaky faucets in your home – save up to 20 gallons every day for every leak stopped;
- Save between 15 and 50 gallons each time by only washing full loads of laundry;
- Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn/garden, not the sidewalk/driveway – save 500 gallons per month;
- Use organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation – save hundreds of gallons a year;
- Teach your kids 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 <http://www.epa.gov/watersense> for more information.

For a direct link to this report, visit us on the web at: www.LibertyUtilities.com/ccrbg

Visit the City of Bell Gardens on the web at: www.bellgardens.org

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Results are from the most recent testing performed in accordance with state and federal drinking water regulations

The State allows monitoring for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Some of the data, though representative, are more than one year old.

PRIMARY STANDARDS MONITORED AT THE SOURCE-MANDATED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH									
INORGANICS	GROUNDWATER		MWD'S SURFACE WATER		PRIMARY	MCLG	MAJOR SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER		
	AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE	MCL	or PHG			
Sampled from 2022 to 2024 (b)	ND	ND	46.50	ND - 150	1000	600 (a)	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from surface water treatment processes		
Aluminum (µg/l)	1.9	1.9	ND	ND	10	0.004 (a)	Erosion of natural deposits; glass/electronics production wastes; runoff		
Arsenic (µg/l)	0.051	0.051	0.124	ND - 0.124	1000	2000 (a)	Oil drilling waste and metal refinery discharge; erosion of natural deposits		
Barium (µg/l)	0.3	0.3	0.70	0.3 - 0.8	2.0	1 (a)	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive that promotes strong teeth		
Fluoride (mg/l) (i)	1.6	1.6	ND	ND	10	10 (a)	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use/septic tanks/sewage, natural erosion		
Nitrate (mg/l as N)									
Hexavalent Chromium (ug/l) (j)	0.6	0.6	ND	ND	10	0.02	Discharge from electroplating factories, leather tanneries, wood preservation, chemical synthesis, refractory production, and textile manufacturing facilities; erosion of natural deposits.		
RADIOLOGICAL - (pCi/l) (Sampled from 2017 - 2024) (b)									
Gross Alpha	ND	ND	ND	ND - 5.0	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits		
Gross Beta	NA	NA	2.0	ND - 5.0	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits		
Radium 226	ND	ND	ND	ND	5 (c)	0.05	Erosion of natural deposits		
Radium 228	0.1	0.1	ND	ND		0.019	Erosion of natural deposits		
Uranium	ND	ND	0.5	ND - 3.0	20	0.43 (a)	Erosion of natural deposits		
PRIMARY STANDARDS MONITORED IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM - MANDATED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH									
MICROBIALS	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM				PRIMARY	MCLG			
	AVERAGE # POSITIVE		RANGE # POSITIVE		MCL	or PHG			
Total Coliform Bacteria	0		0		>1 Positive	0	Naturally present in the environment		
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM									
AVERAGE		RANGE							
<0.10		<0.10 - 0.29		TT		Soil runoff			
Turbidity (NTU)									
DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS (d)									
AND DISINFECTION RESIDUALS	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM		DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM		PRIMARY	MCLG			
	HIGHEST RUNNING ANNUAL AVERAGE		RANGE		MCL	or PHG			
Trihalomethanes-TTHMS (µg/l)	43.6		33.1 - 53.5		80	-	By-product of drinking water chlorination		
Haloacetic Acids (µg/l)	12.2		6.5 - 11.8		60	-	By-product of drinking water disinfection		
Total Chlorine Residual (mg/l)	2.16		1.8 - 2.6		4.0 (e)	4.0 (f)	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment		
BELL GARDENS SYSTEM TAP									
AT THE TAP					ACTION LEVEL		MCLG		
	90%ile		# OF SITES ABOVE THE AL		AL	or PHG			
PHYSICAL CONSTITUENT'S									
30 sites sampled in 2023	0.057 (g)		0		1300 AL	300 (a)	Internal corrosion of household plumbing, erosion of natural deposits		
Copper (µg/l)					15 AL	0.2 (a)	Internal corrosion of household plumbing, industrial manufacturer discharges		
Lead (µg/l)									
SECONDARY STANDARDS MONITORED AT THE SOURCE-FOR AESTHETIC PURPOSES									
Sampled from 2022 to 2024 (b)	GROUNDWATER		MWD'S SURFACE WATER		SECONDARY	MCLG			
	AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE	MCL	or PHG			
Aggressiveness Index (corrosivity)	11.5	11.5	12.5	12.4 - 12.6	Non-corrosive	-	Natural/industrially-influenced balance of hydrogen/carbon/oxygen in water		
Aluminum (µg/l) (h)	ND	ND	46.5	ND - 150	200	600 (a)	Erosion of natural deposits, surface water treatment process residue		
Chloride (mg/l)	31	31	105	96 - 116	500	-	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits, seawater influence		
Color (color units)	ND	ND	1.5	1 - 2	15	-	Naturally-occurring organic materials		
Specific Conductance (uS/cm)	420	420	987.5	888 - 1080	1,600	-	Substances that form ions when in water, seawater influence		
Odor (threshold odor number)	ND	ND	0.5	ND - 1.0	3	-	Naturally-occurring organic materials		
Sulfate (mg/l)	65	65	224.5	196 - 253	500	-	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits, industrial wastes		
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)	260	260	626.5	556 - 690	1,000	-	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits		

SECONDARY STANDARDS MONITORED IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM-FOR AESTHETIC PURPOSES

GENERAL PHYSICAL CONSTITUENTS	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM		SECONDARY MCL	MCLG or PHG
	AVERAGE	RANGE		
Color (color units)	<3	<3	15	- Naturally-occurring organic materials
Odor (threshold odor number)	1.0	1.0	3	- Naturally-occurring organic materials

ADDITIONAL CHEMICALS OF INTEREST

Sampled from 2022 to 2024 (b)	GROUNDWATER		MWD'S SURFACE WATER	
	AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE
Alkalinity (Total as CaCO3) (mg/l)	110	110	116	105 - 127
Boron (µg/l)	NA	NA	140	140.0
Calcium (mg/l)	37	37	68.0	58 - 78
Chlorate (ug/l)	NA	NA	78.5	77 - 80
Magnesium (mg/l)	6.7	6.7	26	22 - 29
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (ng/l)	NA	NA	ND	ND - 3.0
pH (standard unit)	7.5	7.5	8.2	8.2
Potassium (mg/l)	2.8	2.8	4.95	4.4 - 5.4
Sodium (mg/l)	35	35	104	90 - 117
Total Hardness (mg/l)	120	120	271	235 - 305
Total Organic Carbon (mg/l)	NA	NA	2.4	2.0 - 2.6

Sampled in 2024 MRL = MINIMUM REPORTING LIMIT

PERFLUOROBUTANESULFONIC ACID (PFBS) (ng/l) NL=500 ng/l MRL=0.003 ug/l	5.1	4.5 - 5.8	ND	ND
PERFLUORODECANOIC ACID (PFDA) (ng/l) MRL=0.003 ug/l	1.7	ND - 2.6	ND	ND
PERFLUOROHEPTANOIC ACID (PFHpA) (ng/l) MRL= 0.003 ug/l	3.9	3.2 - 4.5	ND	ND
PERFLUOROHEXANE SULFONIC ACID (PFHxS) (ng/l) NL=3 ng/l MRL=0.003 ug/l	3.3	3.0 - 3.7	ND	ND
PERFLUOROHEXANOIC ACID (PFHxA) (ng/l) MRL=0.003 ug/l	7.7	6.7 - 8.6	ND	ND
PERFLUORONONANOIC ACID (PFNA) (ng/l) MRL=0.004 ug/l	2.7	2.4 - 3.1	ND	ND
PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID (PFOS) (ng/l) NL=6.5 ng/L MRL=0.004 ug/l	24.8	23.0 - 27.0	ND	ND
PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID (PFOA) (ng/l) NL=5.1 ng/L MRL=0.004 ug/l	12.5	11.0 - 14.0	ND	ND

FOOTNOTES

- (a) California Public Health Goal (PHG). Other advisory levels listed in this column are federal Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs).
- (b) Indicates dates sampled for groundwater sources only.
- (c) Combined Radium 226 = Radium 228 has a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 5 pCi/L.
- (d) Running annual average used to calculate average, range, and MCL compliance.
- (e) Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)
- (f) Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)
- (g) 90th percentile from the most recent sampling at selected customer taps.
- (h) Aluminum has primary and secondary standards.
- (i) Starting June 1, 2015, the fluoride levels at the treatment plants were adjusted to achieve an optimal fluoride level of 0.7 ppm and a control range of 0.6 ppm to 1.2 ppm to comply with the existing State's Water Fluoridation Standards. Metropolitan was in compliance with all provisions of the State's Fluoridation System Requirements.
- (j) Hexavalent Chromium (CR-6) was detected in one well in 2024. Pursuant to the Detection Limits for Purposes of Reporting (DLRs), the DLR for Hexavalent Chromium is 0.0001 mg/L or 0.1 ug/L. The City of Bell Gardens monitors for Hexavalent Chromium and has not exceeded the annual running average of 10 ug/l.

Notification of PFOA/PFOS: Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), sometimes called PFCs, are a group of chemicals that are resistant to heat, water, and oil. PFAS have been classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as an emerging contaminant on the national landscape.

The U.S. EPA has not established enforceable drinking water standards, called maximum contaminant levels, for these chemicals. In February 2020, the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water (DDW) updated the response levels for PFAS. A response level is a non-regulatory, precautionary health-based measure that represents a recommended level that water systems consider taking a water source out of service or provide treatment if that option is available to them. The new response level for PFOA is 10 ng/ L for PFOS is 40 ng/L and for PFHxS is 20 ng/L.

PFOA and PFOS are readily absorbed but not readily eliminated from the human body. Health effects associated with long-term exposure include harmful effects to a developing fetus or infant; harmful effects to the immune system, thyroid, and liver; and cancer. In addition to water, humans can be exposed to PFOA and PFOS through a variety of sources, including food, dust in homes, and imported consumer products. PFHxS may adversely affect the growth and development of fetuses, infants, and young children. For information on PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS, including possible health outcomes, you may visit these websites: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>.

Sampling conducted in 2021 indicated the presence of PFOA, PFOS, and PFHxS in the source water. The City placed the well offline on September 10, 2021 after exceeding the response levels so no customers receive water from this source. In addition, we are studying treatment options for the affected well to protect public health.

Who can I call if I have questions about PFAS in my drinking water?

If any resident has additional questions regarding this issue call the City at (562) 806-7770.

ABBREVIATIONS

< = less than	SI = saturation index	pCi/l = picoCuries per liter	NS = No Standard	mg/l = milligrams per liter or parts per million (equivalent to 1 drop in 42 gallons)
NA = constituent not analyzed		NTU = nephelometric turbidity units		µg/l = micrograms per liter or parts per billion (equivalent to 1 drop in 42,000 gallons)
µS/cm = microSiemens per centimeter		ND = constituent not detected at the reporting limit		ng/l = nanograms per liter or parts per trillion (equivalent to 1 drop in 42,000,000 gallons)

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): 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 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 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 disinfectant to control microbial contaminants.
Notification Level (NL): The level at which notification of the public water system governing body is required. A health-based advisory level for an unregulated contaminant.
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.
Regulatory Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.
Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect the aesthetic qualities (taste, odor, or appearance) of drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.
Variances & Exemptions: State Board permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING REGULATION (UCMR-5)

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to identify unregulated contaminants for potential regulations. Every five years, EPA identifies a list of unregulated contaminants to be monitored for by the nation's water utilities over a three year period. This is occurring in 2023-2025 with the fifth UCMR (UCMR-5). In 2024, the City of Bell Gardens began monitoring for a total of 30 chemical contaminants from its wells along with a corresponding sampling from the distribution system reflecting water from each well. Once EPA has obtained this occurrence data nationally, they are required to determine if there is a meaningful opportunity for increased health protection of drinking water by regulating these contaminants. The findings from this monitoring are reported in this year's Consumer Confidence Report.

FIFTH UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING REGULATION (UCMR 5)

Monitored in 2024		USE OR ENVIRONMENTAL SOURCE		
CHEMICALS PARAMETERS	AVERAGE ug/l	RANGE ug/l	Minimum Reporting Level (ug/l)	
Lithium	31.5	ND - 61.0	9.00	Naturally occurring metal that may concentrate in brine waters; lithium salts are used as pharmaceuticals, used in electrochemical cells, batteries, and in organic syntheses.
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	0.0014	ND - 0.0059	0.003	PFAS are a group of synthetic chemicals used in a wide range of consumer products and industrial applications including: non-stick cookware, water-repellent clothing, stain-resistant fabrics and carpets, cosmetics, firefighting foams, electroplating, and products that resist grease, water, and oil. PFAS are found in the blood of people and animals and in water, air, fish, and soil at locations across the United States and the world.
perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)	0.0009	ND - 0.0045	0.003	
perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	0.0019	ND - 0.0094	0.003	
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	0.001	ND - 0.0039	0.003	
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	0.003	ND - 0.014	0.004	
perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	0.006	ND - 0.023	0.004	
perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	0.002	ND - 0.0089	0.003	

CIUDAD DE BELL GARDENS

INFORME DE CONFIANZA DE CONSUMIDOR de 2024

Desde 1991, las agencias proveedoras de recursos hidráulicos de California han emitido información sobre el agua que se provee al consumidor. Este informe, preparado en abril de 2025, es una instantánea de la calidad del agua del grifo que brindamos el año pasado. Incluimos detalles sobre el origen del agua que toma, cómo se analiza, que contiene, y cómo se compara con los límites estatales y federales. Nos esforzamos por mantenerle informado sobre la calidad de su agua, y proveerle un abastecimiento confiable y económico que cumpla con todos los requisitos.

¿De Dónde Proviene el Agua que Tomo?

El agua del grifo proviene de 2 fuentes: agua subterránea y agua superficial. Obtenemos nuestra agua de pozos de agua subterránea locales y nuestra agua también proviene del agua superficial del Distrito Metropolitano de Agua del Sur de California (MWD) tanto del río Colorado como del Proyecto Estatal de Agua en el norte de California. Estas fuentes de agua abastecen nuestra área de servicio que se muestra en el mapa adjacente. En 2024, el 100% del agua provino de MWD. En este informe se presenta la calidad de nuestra agua subterránea y los suministros de agua superficial de MWD.

¿Cómo Se Analiza Mi Agua Potable?

El agua que toma se analiza regularmente para asegurarnos de que no halla niveles altos de sustancias químicas, de radioactividad o de bacteria en el sistema de distribución y en las tomas de servicios. Estos análisis se llevan a cabo semanal, mensual, trimestral, y anualmente o con más frecuencia, dependiendo de la sustancia analizada. Bajo las leyes estatales y federales, se nos permite analizar algunas sustancias menos frecuentemente que los periodos anuales porque los resultados no cambian.

¿Cuales Son Los Estándares del Agua Potable?

La Agencia federal de Protección al Medio Ambiente (USEPA) impone los límites de las cantidades de ciertos contaminantes en el agua potable. En California, la Junta de Control de Recursos Hídricos del Estado (State Water Board) regula la calidad del agua de beber siguiendo normas que sean al menos tan estrictas como las normas federales. Historicamente, los estándares de California han sido más estrictos que los federales.

Hay dos tipos de límites conocidos como estándares. Los estándares primarios lo protegen de sustancias que potencialmente podrían afectar su salud. Las normas establecen los Niveles Contaminantes Máximos (MCL, en inglés) que se permite del contaminante primario o secundario en el agua de beber. Los abastecedores de agua deben asegurarse de que la calidad de esta cumpla con los Niveles Contaminantes Máximos (o MCLs, en inglés). No todas las sustancias tienen un Nivel Contaminante Máximo. El plomo y el cobre, por ejemplo, son regulados, por cierto nivel de acción. Si cualquier sustancia química sobrepasa el nivel de acción, se dará la necesidad de un proceso de tratamiento para rebajar los niveles en el agua de beber. Los abastecedores de agua deben cumplir con los Niveles Contaminantes Máximos para asegurar la calidad del agua.

Las Metas para la Salud Pública (MSP [o PHGs, en inglés]) son establecidas por la agencia estatal de California-EPA. Las PHGs proveen más información con respecto a la calidad del agua, y son similares a los reglamentos federales nombrados Metas para Los Niveles de Contaminante *Maximos* (MNCM [o MCLGs, en inglés]). Las PHGs y MCLGs son metas a nivel recomendable. Las PHG y MCLG son ambas definidas como los niveles de contaminantes en el agua potable por debajo de los niveles donde no se esperan riesgos a la salud y no enforzables. Ambos niveles PHG y MCLG son concentraciones de una sustancia en las que no hay riesgos a la salud aún conocidos.

¿Cómo Interpreto Mi Informe de Calidad del Agua?

Aunque analizamos más de 100 sustancias, las normas nos requieren que reportemos solo aquellas que se encuentran en el agua. La primera columna en la tabla de la calidad de agua muestra la lista de las sustancias detectadas en el agua. La siguiente columna muestra la lista de la concentración promedio y el rango de concentraciones que se hallan encontrado en el agua que usted toma. En seguida están las listas de el MCL, el PHG y el MCLG, si estos son apropiados. La última columna describe las probables fuentes u origen de las sustancias detectadas en el agua potable.

Bell Gardens se enorgullece de decir que no se han detectado contaminantes que exceden los estándares federales o estatales de agua potable. Cientos de muestras de cada mes y cada año miles de Bell Gardens y laboratorios MWD aseguran que se están cumpliendo todos (estéticas) los estándares de agua potable secundaria primaria (salud relacionados) y.

¿Por Qué Hay Tanta Publicidad Sobre La Calidad Del Agua Potable?

Las fuentes del agua potable (de ambas agua de la llave y agua embotellada) incluye ríos, lagos, arroyos, lagunas, embalses, manantiales, y pozos. Al pasar el agua por la superficie de los suelos o por la tierra, se disuelven minerales que ocurren al natural, y en algunas ocasiones, material radioactivo, al igual que pueden levantar sustancias generadas por la presencia de animales o por actividades humanas.

Entre los contaminantes que pueden existir en las fuentes de agua se incluyen:

- Contaminantes microbiales como los virus y la bacteria, los que pueden venir de las plantas de tratamiento de aguas negras, de los sistemas sépticos, de las operaciones de ganadería, y de la vida salvaje;
- Contaminantes inorgánicos, como las sales y los metales, los cuales pueden ocurrir naturalmente o como resultado del desagüe pluvial, industrial, o de alcantarillado, producción de gas natural y petróleo, minas y agricultura.
- Pesticidas y herbicidas, los cuales pueden venir de varias fuentes tales como la agricultura, del desagüe pluvial, y de usos residenciales;
- Contaminantes de otras sustancias químicas orgánicas, incluyendo químicos orgánicos volátiles y sintéticos que

son productos de procesos industriales y de la producción de petróleo, y que pueden provenir de las estaciones de gasolina, desagües pluviales urbanos, y agricultura aplicación y de sistemas sépticos;

- Contaminantes radioactivos, los cuales pueden ocurrir naturalmente o que pueden ser resultados de las actividades de la producción de gas natural y minería.

A fin de asegurar que el agua de la llave es segura para beber, la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de Los Estados Unidos (USEPA) y el Tablero de Control de Recursos de Echar agua Estatal (Bordo Estatal) prescriben regulaciones que limitan la cantidad de ciertos contaminantes en el agua proporcionada por sistemas de agua públicas. Los reglamentos de Bordo Estatal también establecen límites para contaminantes en el agua embotellado que debe proporcionar la misma protección para la salud pública.

Toda el agua potable, incluyendo el agua embotellada, puede contener cantidades pequeñas de ciertos contaminantes. La presencia de contaminantes no necesariamente indica que haya algún riesgo de salud. Para más información acerca de contaminantes y riesgos a la salud favor de llamar a la USEPA encargada de proteger el agua potable al teléfono (1-800-426-4791). Usted puede obtener más información sobre el agua potable al conectarse al Internet en los siguientes domicilios:

- <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/safe-drinking-water-information>
(el sitio Web del USEPA)
- http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certification/drinkingwater/Chemicalcontaminants.html
(sitio Web de Bordo Estatal)

Plomo y Cobre Aunque Bell Gardens no ha encontrado plomo o cobre a ser un problema en nuestros sistemas de agua, la siguiente información es requerida por la Junta de Control de Recursos Hídricos del Estado. Si presente, los niveles elevados del plomo pueden causar el problema de salud serio, sobre todo para mujeres embarazadas y chiquitos. El plomo en el agua potable es principalmente de materiales y componentes asociados con líneas de servicios y a casa fontanería. La Ciudad de Bell Gardens es responsable de proporcionar el agua potable de alta calidad, pero no puede controlar la variedad de materiales usados en la fontanería de componentes. Cuando su echar agua ha estado sentándose durante varias horas, usted puede minimizar el potencial para la exposición de plomo limpiando con agua su grifo durante 30 segundos a 2 minutos antes de usar el echar agua para beber o cocinarse. Si usted está preocupado por el plomo en su echar agua, usted puede desear hacer probar su echar agua. La información en el plomo en el agua potable, probando métodos, y pasos que usted puede tomar para minimizar la exposición está disponible de la Línea directa de Agua Potable Segura o en <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

¿Debería Tomar Otras Precauciones?

Algunas personas pueden ser más vulnerables a los contaminantes en el agua potable que el público en general. Las personas que tienen problemas inmunológicos, o sea esas personas que estén en tratamiento por medio de quimioterapia cancerosa; personas que tienen órganos transplantados, o personas con SIDA o desórdenes inmunológicos, personas de edad avanzada, y los bebés que son particularmente susceptibles a ciertas infecciones. Estas personas deben de consultar a sus proveedores de salud médica. Las guías de la USEPA/Centros de Control de Enfermedades aconsejan cómo

disminuir los riesgos para prevenir la infección de Cryptosporidium y otros contaminantes microbiales están disponibles por teléfono de la USEPA encargada de proteger el agua potable al teléfono (1-800-426-4791).

Valoración de su Abastecimiento de Agua

El distrito Metropolitano de agua del Sur de California completo una valoración de su abastecimiento del Río Colorado y del Proyecto de Agua del Estado en el 2002. El abastecimiento del Río Colorado es considerado más vulnerable a la recreación, al agua que corre de la ciudad después de una tormenta, a la creciente urbanización en la cuenca, y aguas residuales. El Proyecto de abastecimiento de agua del Estado es considerado más vulnerable al agua que corre de la ciudad después de una tormenta, a la fauna, la agricultura, la recreación, y aguas residuales. Teléfono el distrito Metropolitano de agua del Sur de California para un copie de una valoración al (213) 217-6850.

La Ciudad de Bell Gardens condujo una evaluación de sus provisiones de agua subterránea en 2003. Las provisiones de agua subterránea son consideradas el más vulnerables a gasolineras de coche, procesamiento/almacenaje químico/de petróleo, plumas de contaminante conocidas, y enchapado/acabamiento/fabricación metálico. Una copia de la evaluación aprobada puede ser obtenida enviando a una petición a la Ciudad de Bell Gardens, 8327 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201 Atención Veronica Sanchez.

¿Cómo Puedo Participar en las Decisiones Sobre Asuntos Acerca del Agua Que Me Puedan Afectar?

El público es bienvenidos asisten a reuniones de Ayuntamiento el segundo y cuarto lunes de cada mes a las 18h00 en 7100 Sur Garfield Avenue.

¿Cómo Me Pongo En Contacto Con Mi Agencia del Agua Si Tengo Preguntas Sobre La Calidad Del Agua?

Si tiene preguntas específicas sobre la calidad del agua del grifo, comuníquese con Veronica Sanchez al (562) 806-7770.

Algunas extremidades provechosas de la conservación del agua

- arreglar los grifos que gotean en su hogar - excepto hasta 20 galones cada día por cada detenido de fugas
- Guardar entre 15 y 50 galones por cada vez que el lavado sólo cargas completas de ropa
- Ajuste sus regaderas de modo que el agua caiga en su césped / jardín, no la acera / calzada - excepto 500 galones por mes
- Utilice pajote orgánico alrededor de las plantas para reducir la evaporación - guardar cientos de galones por año
- Enseñe a sus hijos acerca de la conservación del agua para asegurar una futura generación que utiliza el agua sabiamente. Hacer un esfuerzo familiar para reducir la factura del agua del próximo mes.

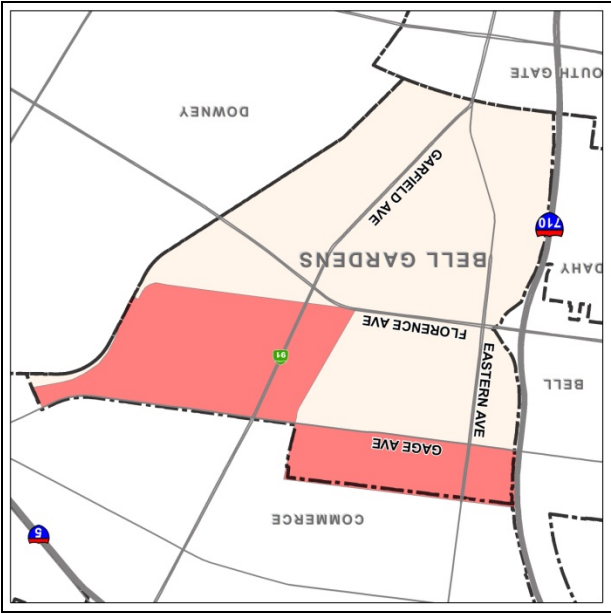
- Los - Visite <http://www.epa.gov/watersense> para obtener más información.

Para un enlace directo a este informe, visite nuestra página web en: www.LibertyUtilities.com/ccrbg

Visita la Ciudad de Bell Gardens en la web en: www.bellgardens.org

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Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Para obtener una copia en Español, llame a (562) 806-7700.

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此份有关你的食水报告,内有重要资料和信息,请找他人为你翻译及解释清楚。

この情報は重要です。翻訳を依頼してください。

Chi tiết này thật quan trọng. Xin nhờ người dịch cho quý vị.

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