

2024 Consumer Confidence Report

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all USEPA and State drinking water health standards. Melody Woods Water Co. takes care of its water supply. We are happy to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard in your drinking water. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

We test our drinking water quality for many constituents as required by State and Federal Regulations. Some of these tests are repeated every year, while others are done less frequently. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2024. (Earlier results included for convenient reference and, if there was no violation in 2024, the most recent test result is shown).

Full results for previous years can be found on: <http://www.melodywoods.com/ccr/>
Our water continues to be clean and safe. Because of the treatment plant, our treated drinking water continues to meet the standards for Iron and Manganese.

Water System Name:

Melody Woods Water Company
P.O. Box 1118
Los Gatos, CA 95031
California Water System 4300525
Incorporated April 5, 1947

Report Date:

June 25th, 2025

Type of Water Source(s) in Use:

Ground Water

Name and General Location of Source(s):

Well #3 is located just off Summit Road, West of Melody Lane.
Well #5 is located on Echo Drive.

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information:

Drinking Water Source Assessment was performed by the State in March 2002

About This Report

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Importance of This Report Statement in Five Non-English Languages (Spanish, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Hmong)

Language in Spanish: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Favor de comunicarse [Enter Water System's Name] a [Enter Water System's Address or Phone Number] para asistirlo en español.

Language in Mandarin: 这份报告含有关于您的饮用水的重要讯息。请用以下地址和电话联系 [Enter Water System Name]以获得中文的帮助: [Enter Water System's Address][Enter Water System's Phone Number].

Language in Tagalog: Ang pag-uulat na ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa inyong inuming tubig. Mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa [Enter Water System's Name and Address] o tumawag sa [Enter Water System's Phone Number] para matulungan sa wikang Tagalog.

Language in Vietnamese: Báo cáo này chứa thông tin quan trọng về nước uống của bạn. Xin vui lòng liên hệ [Enter Water System's Name] tại [Enter Water System's Address or Phone Number] để được hỗ trợ giúp bằng tiếng Việt.

Language in Hmong: Tsab ntawv no muaj cov ntsiab lus tseem ceeb txog koj cov dej haus. Thov hu rau [Enter Water System's Name] ntawm [Enter Water System's Address or Phone Number] rau kev pab hauv lus Askiv.

Terms Used in This Report

Term	Definition
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an <i>E. coli</i> MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
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 (U.S. EPA).
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 disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS)	MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Term	Definition
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.
Regulatory Action Level (AL)	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS)	MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.
Treatment Technique (TT)	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Variances and Exemptions	Permissions from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.
ND	Not detectable at testing limit.
ppm	parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
ppt	parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
ppq	parts per quadrillion or picogram per liter (pg/L)
pCi/L	picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

Sources of Drinking Water and Contaminants that May Be Present in Source 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, 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 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, 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, that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Regulation of Drinking Water and Bottled Water Quality

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA and the State Board prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations and California law also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

About Your Drinking Water Quality

Drinking Water Contaminants Detected

The tables below list the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent, in both Source water (the water that comes from our wells before treatment), Treated water (the water that comes to your house) and, for lead and copper testing, the water in customer's houses. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The State Board allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old. Any violation of an AL, MCL, MRDL, or TT is highlighted and asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

Table 1. Sampling Results Showing the Detection of Coliform Bacteria (in Treated water)

Complete if bacteria are detected.

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
<i>Total Coliform Bacteria</i>	(in a month) 1	0	1 positive monthly sample (a)	0	Naturally present in the environment
<i>E. coli</i>	(In the year) 0	0	(b)	0	Human and animal fecal waste
We had one detection of Total Coliform bacteria (not <i>E. coli</i>). These are not harmful but indicate a potential problem. We re-sampled at the original and backup sample sites. We found no bacteria in those samples, leading us to believe the first sample was contaminated during the sampling process.					

- (a) Two or more positive monthly samples is a violation of the MCL
- (b) Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is *E. coli*-positive or system fails to take repeat samples following *E. coli*-positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for *E. coli*.

Table 2. Sampling Results Showing the Detection of Lead and Copper (in customer plumbing)

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	No. of Samples Collected	90th Percentile Level Detected	No. of sites exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppt)	2024	5	3.7 (ppt)	0	15,000 (ppt)	200	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppt)	2024	5	525 (ppt)	0	1,300 (ppt)	300	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

The water supplied to each home has very low (undetectable) levels of Lead and Copper. However, lead and copper can be dissolved into the water from your household plumbing. This can be especially true of houses using water softeners. Melody Woods water is responsible for supplying high quality drinking water but cannot control the plumbing in your house.

Lead

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.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead (and copper) exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. [Optional: 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>

Table 3. Sampling Results for Sodium and Hardness (Source Water)

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
SODIUM (ppm)	2023-2024	33 (ppm)	19-47 (ppm)	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO ₃) (ppm)	2023-2024	186 (ppm)	176-196 (ppm)	None	None	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

Table 4. Detection of Contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard (Treated Water)

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
BROMODICHLOROMETHANE	2024	2.22 (ppb)	NA	None	None	Disinfection byproducts
BROMOFORM	2024	1.65 (ppb)	NA	None	None	Disinfection byproducts
CHLOROFORM	2024	2.32 (ppb)	NA	None	None	Disinfection byproducts
DIBROMOACETIC ACID	2024	1.1 (ppb)	NA	None	None	Disinfection byproducts
DIBROMOCHLOROMETHANE	2024	2.88 (ppb)	NA	None	None	Disinfection byproducts
DICHLOROACETIC ACID	2024	0 (ppb)	NA	None	None	Disinfection byproducts
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2024	2.3 (ppb)	NA	60.00	None	Disinfection byproducts
MONOBROMOACETIC ACID	2024	0 (ppb)	NA	None	None	Disinfection byproducts
MONOCHLOROACETIC ACID	2024	0 (ppb)	NA	None	None	Disinfection byproducts
TTHM	2024	9.07 (ppb)	NA	80.00	None	Disinfection byproducts
TRICHLOROACETIC ACID	2024	1.2 (ppb)	NA	None	None	Disinfection byproducts

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Dates	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Iron (ppb)	2024-2025	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	300 ppb	NA	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
We treat our water to remove the naturally high levels of iron in our source water.						
Manganese (ppb)	2024-2025	9.3 (ppb)	0-140* (ppb)	50 ppb	NA	Leaching from natural deposits
We treat our water to remove the naturally high levels of manganese in our source water. We had one month with a level over the secondary MCL. This was due to the sample being taken when the treatment plant had just started, before treatment had reached an effective level and does not represent the level in water delivered to customers.						

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METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	13.00	13	Leaking underground storage tanks; discharges from petroleum and chemical factories
ODOR (TON)	2023-2024	0 (TON)	0-0 (TON)	3.00	None	
SILVER (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	100.00	None	Industrial discharge
TURBIDITY (NTU)	2023-2024	13* (NTU)	8-18* (NTU)	5.00	N/A	Soil runoff
Turbidity has no health effects. However, high levels of turbidity can interfere with disinfection. Turbidity in our well water comes from iron and manganese deposits and varies significantly over time. We see high turbidity (more particles in the water) when the wells start up; the turbidity improves as the well is run. This doesn't affect our treated water.						
ZINC (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	5000.00	None	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
TDS (ppm)	2023-2024	300 (ppm)	270-330 (ppm)	1000.00	None	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHS/CM (NA)	2023-2024	460 (NA)	380-540 (NA)	1600.00	None	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
CHLORIDE (ppm)	2023-2024	35.5 (ppm)	19-52 (ppm)	500.00	None	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
SULFATE (ppm)	2023-2024	54.5 (ppm)	54-55 (ppm)	500.00	None	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence

Table 6a. Radioactive Contaminants (Source Water)

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY (PCI/L)	2024-2024	3.397 (PCI/L)	1.914-4.88 (PCI/L)	15.00	None	Erosion of natural deposits

Table 6b: Inorganic Contaminants (Source Water)

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
ANTIMONY, TOTAL (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	6.00	1	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
ARSENIC (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	10.00	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
ASBESTOS (MFL)	2021-2021	0 (MFL)	0-0 (MFL)	7.00	7	Internal corrosion of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits
BARIUM (ppb)	2023-2024	65 (ppb)	0-130 (ppb)	1000.00	2	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits

BERYLLIUM, TOTAL (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	4.00	1	Discharge from metal refineries, coal-burning factories, and electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
CADMIUM (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	5	0.04	Internal corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from electroplating and industrial chemical factories, and metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
CHROMIUM (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	50	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits
CYANIDE (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	150	None	Discharge from steel/metal, plastic and fertilizer factories
FLUORIDE (ppb)	2023-2024	170 (ppb)	110-230 (ppb)	2000	None	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
LEAD (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	None	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
MERCURY (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	2	1.2	
NICKEL (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	100	12	
NITRATE (ppb)	2025-2025	250 (ppb)	0-500 (ppb)	10,000	10,000	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
NITRITE (ppm)	2025-2025	0 (ppm)	0-0 (ppm)	1	1	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
PERCHLORATE (ppb)	2023-2023	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	6	1	Perchlorate is an inorganic chemical used in solid rocket propellant, fireworks, explosives, flares, matches, and a variety of industries. It usually gets into drinking water as a result of environmental contamination from historic aerospace or other industrial operations that used or use, store, or dispose of perchlorate and its salts.
SELENIUM (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	50	30	Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff from livestock lots (feed additive)
THALLIUM, TOTAL (ppb)	2023-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	2	0.1	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

Table 6c: Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
ATRAZINE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	1	0.15	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops and along railroad and highway right-of-ways
1,2,3-TRICHLOROPROPANE (ppt)	2023-2023	0 (ppt)	0-0 (ppt)	10	0.7	Discharge from industrial and agricultural chemical factories; leaching from hazardous waste sites; used as cleaning and maintenance solvent, paint and varnish remover, and cleaning and degreasing agent; byproduct during the production of other compounds and pesticides.
SIMAZINE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	4	4	Herbicide runoff

Table 6d: Volatile Organic Contaminants

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
BENZENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	1	0.15	Discharge from plastics, dyes and nylon factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE (ppt)	2024-2024	0 (ppt)	0-0 (ppt)	500	100	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
1,1-DICHLOROETHANE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	5	3	Extraction and degreasing solvent; used in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals, stone, clay, and glass products; fumigant
1,2-DICHLOROETHANE (ppt)	2024-2024	0 (ppt)	0-0 (ppt)	500	400	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	6	10	Discharge from industrial chemical factories

CIS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	6	100	Discharge from industrial chemical factories; major biodegradation byproduct of TCE and PCE groundwater contamination
TRANS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	10	60	Discharge from industrial chemical factories; minor biodegradation byproduct of TCE and PCE groundwater contamination
DICHLOROMETHANE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	5	4	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories; insecticide
1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	5	0.5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories; primary component of some fumigants
1,3-DICHLOROPROPENE (ppt)	2024-2024	0 (ppt)	0-0 (ppt)	500	200	Runoff/leaching from nematocide used on croplands
ETHYLBENZENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	300	300	Discharge from petroleum refineries; industrial chemical factories
CHLOROBENZENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	70	70	Discharge from industrial and agricultural chemical factories and dry cleaning facilities
O-DICHLOROBENZENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	600	70	Discharge from industrial and agricultural chemical factories and dry cleaning facilities
P-DICHLOROBENZENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	5	70	Discharge from industrial and agricultural chemical factories and dry cleaning facilities
STYRENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	100	0.5	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
1,1,2,2-TETRACHLOROETHANE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	1	0.1	Discharge from industrial and agricultural chemical factories; solvent used in production of TCE, pesticides, varnish and lacquers

TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	5	0.06	Discharge from factories, dry cleaners, and auto shops (metal degreaser)
1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	5	5	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	200	1000	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories; manufacture of food wrappings
1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	5	0.3	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
TRICHLOROETHYLENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	5	1.7	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
TOLUENE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	150	150	Discharge from petroleum and chemical factories; underground gas tank leaks
TRICHLOROFLUOROMETHANE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	150	1300	Discharge from industrial factories; degreasing solvent; propellant and refrigerant
TRICHLOROTRIFLUOROMETHANE (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	1200	4	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories; dry cleaning solvent; refrigerant
VINYL CHLORIDE (ppt)	2024-2024	0 (ppt)	0-0 (ppt)	500	50	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from plastics factories; biodegradation byproduct of TCE and PCE groundwater contamination
XYLENES, TOTAL (ppb)	2024-2024	0 (ppb)	0-0 (ppb)	1750	1.8	Discharge from petroleum and chemical factories; fuel solvent

Table 6e. Other General Physical Characteristics (Source Water)

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Dates	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	SMCL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
ALKALINITY, BICARBONATE (ppm)	2023-2024	125 (ppm)	120-130 (ppm)	None	None	Erosion of natural deposits
CALCIUM (ppm)	2023-2024	55.5 (ppm)	55-56 (ppm)	None	None	Erosion of natural deposits
ALKALINITY, CARBONATE (ppm)	2023-2024	0 (ppm)	0-0 (ppm)	None	None	Erosion of natural deposits
HYDROXIDE AS CALCIUM CARBONATE (ppm)	2023-2024	0 (ppm)	0-0 (ppm)	None	None	Erosion of natural deposits
MAGNESIUM (ppm)	2023-2024	11.55 (ppm)	9.1-14 (ppm)	None	None	Erosion of natural deposits
PH (pH)	2023-2024	6.56 (pH)	6.39-6.73 (pH)	None	None	0

Additional General Information on 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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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. U.S. 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 Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Lead Service Line Inventory

In 2024, Melody Woods Water (with the help of the community) completed an inventory of the system to check for lead service lines (customer water pipes leading from the meter to the house). We are happy to report that we found no lead service lines in our system. If you're interested in a copy of the survey, please email lorenzo@melodywoods.com. The following information is provided as educational material.

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Melody Woods is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold

water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact [INSERT NAME OF SYSTEM and CONTACT INFORMATION]. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.