

PINE FOREST M.U.D.

2023 Drinking Water Quality Report

This report is an annual summary of the quality of your drinking water. It is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and is based on the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency required tests.

OUR DRINKING WATER IS SAFE

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), has completed an assessment of your source water, and results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system is based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants will be found in this consumer confidence report. For more information on source water and protection efforts at our systems contact Howard Wilhite at: (281) 353-9809.

En Español

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en español, favor de llamar al telefono (281) 353-9809

Where do we get our drinking water?

The source of drinking water used by Pine Forest MUD is ground water. It comes from the Gulf Coast Aquifers some 500 to 2,000 feet below ground surface. Pine Forest purchases water from Inverness Forest Improvement District. Inverness Forest District provides purchase ground water from the Gulf Coast Aquifer. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system contact Pine Forest MUD at: (281) 353-9809

Contaminants that may be Present in Source Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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.

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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic system, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife;
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which 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, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater 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, the EPA prescribes regulations that limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration Agency regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact h2o innovation at (281) 353-9809.

Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or Immuno-compromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Public Participation Opportunities:

The Pine Forest MUD Board of Directors meet at 8:30 A.M on the fourth Monday of every other month at the offices of 400 Randal Way, Suite 106, Spring, Texas 77388. You may contact Howard Wilhite, with h2o innovation at (281) 353-9809 with any concerns or questions you may have.



About the Following Table

The following table contains all of the chemical constituents which have been found in your drinking water for the most recent testing performed in accordance with applicable regulations. USEPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents. The constituents detected in your water are listed in the attached table.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

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

Treatment Technique - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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), one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

ppb = parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/l), one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

pCi/L = picocuries per liter: Measure of radioactivity.

na = not applicable

NTU = Nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity)

AVG - Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

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.

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Organic Contaminants							
Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2020	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	4.5	4.5 - 4.5	80	N/A	ppb	By-products of chlorine disinfection.
2020	Haloacetic Acid (HAA5)	2.5	2.5 - 2.5	60	N/A	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

Disinfectant Residuals							
Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MRDL	MRDLG	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2023	Chlorine Disinfectant	1.71	0.21 - 2.30	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control Microbes.

Unregulated Contaminant**					
Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Units of Measure	
2020	Bromodichloromethane	4.35	1.4 - 7.3	ppb	
2020	Dibromochloromethane	5.10	1.8 - 8.4	ppb	
2020	Dichloroacetic Acid	1.00	1.0 - 1.0	ppb	
2020	Dibromoacetic Acid	1.50	1.5 - 1.5	ppb	
2020	Bromochloroacetic Acid	1.10	1.1 - 1.1	ppb	
2020	Bromoform	2.75	1.3 - 1.4	ppb	

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Inorganic Contaminants							
Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2023	Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	0.21	0.21 - 0.21	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks.

Lead and Copper

Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2019	Copper	0.15	0	1.3	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
2019	Lead	0.50	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing system.

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. This water supply 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/safewater/lead>.

During 2023, Pine Forest M.U.D. TX 1013519 received all of its water from Inverness Forest Improvement District. Inverness Forest I.D. TX 1010172 provided the following water quality information:

Inorganic Contaminants

Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2021	Arsenic	4.00	4 - 4	10	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2021	Barium	0.202	0.202 - 0.202	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Fluoride	0.17	0.17 - 0.17	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2023	Nitrate (measure as Nitrogen)	0.21	0.21 - 0.21	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Unregulated Contaminant**

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Units of Measure
2023	Bromform	1.00	1.00 - 1.00	ppb
2020	Chloroform	1.00	1.00 - 1.00	ppb
2020	Bromodichloromethane	3.40	3.40 - 3.40	ppb
2023	Dibromochloromethane	1.30	1.30 - 1.30	ppb

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The drinking water produced by your District exceeds the minimum water quality standards as established by the USEPA.

Our water meets all drinking water requirements.