

Our Water Quality Commitment:

You Can Count on Washington Water Employees to . . .

- ⇒ provide you with the highest quality water possible
- ⇒ sample, test and treat your water on a regular basis
- ⇒ work diligently to meet every water quality standard on every system, every day
- ⇒ maintain water distribution system reliability
- ⇒ provide you with the highest level of customer service possible

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WASHINGTON WATER SERVICE COMPANY

Mirrormont Water System State ID #552501

2011 Drinking Water Report

Washington Water Service Company (WWSC) is committed to being a leader in providing communities and customers with traditional and innovative utility services. WWSC is proud of its service record and is staffed with courteous and knowledgeable water professionals who are dedicated to meeting your needs. While we are proud of our past record, we continually strive to improve upon the quality of services we provide to you, our valued customer.

This *2011 Drinking Water Report* is your annual update on the quality and safety of your drinking water. It includes the water quality monitoring results from the **most recent round** of testing done on your system, in accordance with state and federal regulations. This report also provides access through references and telephone numbers to source water assessments, health effects data and additional information about your water system. This allows you to make personal health-based decisions regarding your drinking water consumption and become more involved in decisions which may affect your health. We hope you find this information helpful!

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Regarding “contaminants” in 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. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Washington State Department of Health and EPA prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Washington State Department of Agriculture regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Sources of drinking water:

Common sources of drinking water — both tap and bottled water — include rivers, lakes and streams (surface water) and wells and springs (groundwater). As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. The water can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Where does my water come from?

Your water comes from six groundwater sources (five wells and one spring). The majority of the distribution system is served by the five wells, which range in depth from 224 to 285 feet. Water is pumped from the well site to storage tanks #2 and #3. A majority of the homes receive their water by gravity from these storage tanks. For homes in close proximity to the tanks, booster pumps now re-pump the water from the tanks to your home. These homes had low pressure in the past when receiving gravity flow from the storage tanks. The new booster pumps increase the service pressure to the home. This well water is not treated (no chlorination, filtration, pH adjustment, etc).

Homes along Tiger Mtn Rd that are served by this water system also receive their water by gravity flow but from the Tiger Mtn Rd storage tank. This tank is filled by gravity flow from the Tiger Mtn spring source. Chlorine is added at the tank for disinfection purposes. This is required due to potential influence by surface water.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- ◆ Microbial contaminants, such as viruses, parasites and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- ◆ Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban 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.
- ◆ Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- ◆ 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.



Water Quality Data

How To Read The Tables:

Your water is tested for more than 100 contaminants for which state and federal standards have been set. **Tables 1 & 2** list all primary contaminants that were detected (in any amount) along with their respective Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). Primary standards protect public health by limiting the levels of these contaminants in drinking water. **Table 3** shows the levels of secondary contaminants and common water properties of interest to many consumers. Secondary contaminants have no known health effects but can affect the aesthetic properties of water (taste, odor and appearance). Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (SMCLs) are guidelines only.

Terms and Abbreviations used:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

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 allow for a margin of safety.

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 (e.g., chlorine, chloramines, chlorine dioxide).

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.

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper 90th Percentile Value: Out of every 10 homes sampled, 9 were at or below this level. This must be \leq the AL or additional steps must be taken.

ppb: parts per billion **ppm:** parts per million

N/A: not applicable

Sodium in your drinking water was last measured in 2010 at the spring (**12 ppm**) and in 2008 at the wells (**6 ppm**). There is no federal or state maximum for sodium in drinking water but the EPA recommends 20 ppm as a level of concern for those consumers who must restrict their intake.

TABLE 1: Primary Contaminants Detected In Your Drinking Water

Primary Contaminant	Units	Year Tested	MCL	MCLG	SPRING SOURCE	WELLS	Compliant? (Y/N)	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Nitrate	ppm	2010	10	10	2.7	1.1 - 1.4	Y	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts (as measured in the distribution mains)								
Chlorine	ppm	2010	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	0.28 ^b		Y	Water additive used to kill microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM), ppb		2010	80	N/A	2.0		Y	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Microbiological					Highest No. Of Monthly Positives			
Total coliform bacteria		2010	1 ^c	0	3		N ^e	Naturally present in the environment

TABLE 2: Lead and Copper Monitoring - Samples are collected at customer faucets. The number of homes sampled is based on population served by the system. Specific EPA-mandated criteria are used to select the homes:

Primary Contaminant	Units	Year Tested ^f	AL	No. of Homes Sampled	90th Percentile Value	No. of Homes Exceeding the AL	Compliant? (Y/N)	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Copper	ppm	2009	1.3	11	0.30	0	Y	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	ppb	2009	15	11	7	0	Y	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

TABLE 3: Secondary Contaminants (Inorganic Chemical and Physical)

Secondary Contaminant	Units	Year Tested ^f	SMCL	SPRING SOURCE	WELLS ^g	Compliant? (Y/N)	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Iron	ppm	2008-2010	0.30	< 0.1	< 0.1	Y	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Manganese	ppm	2008-2010	0.05	< 0.01	< 0.01	Y	Leaching from natural deposits
Chloride	ppm	2008-2010	250	3	3	Y	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Hardness	ppm	2008-2010	N/A	99 ^d	64 - 68 ^d	Y	Erosion of natural deposits

^a There are multiple wells on this system and each is tested. A range of results is shown if their results differ.

^b Running annual average (range = 0.02 - 0.80 ppm chlorine). Chlorine is added at the spring source only, due to potential influence from surface water.

^c For systems that collect less than 40 bacteriological samples per month, the MCL is one positive (unsatisfactory) monthly sample. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment, harmless to the general population and are used as an indicator that other potentially-harmful bacteria **may** be present. Their presence is a warning of potential problems because disease-causing organisms may also enter the system via the same route as the coliforms. The presence of coliforms usually means that soil or vegetation has entered the system. Details of this Aug 2010 Non-Acute Coliform MCL Violation and what was done to correct it were provided in a notice distributed to all customers on 8/17/10. All other routine monthly bacteriological samples taken prior to and subsequent to the unsatisfactory sample in August were absent of coliforms, including an increased number collected in September.

^d Most recent testing done, in accordance with the regulations (required every 3 years). The sources may be tested in different years.

^e 99 ppm hardness is equivalent to 5.8 grains per gallon of hardness. 64-68 ppm hardness is equivalent to 3.7-4.0 grains per gallon. 0-75 ppm hardness is considered "soft" water; 75-150 ppm is "moderately hard", 150-300 ppm is "hard" and > 300 ppm is "very hard".

Synthetic Organic Chemicals. Your drinking water sources were tested for 14 different herbicides and 31 pesticides in 2006 or 2009. There were no detections, in **any** amount, of any these chemicals. No further testing is required until sometime during the new 2011-2019 compliance period.

The Office of Drinking Water has compiled **source water assessment program (SWAP) data** for all community water systems in Washington. SWAP data for your system is available by accessing DOH's web site at:

<http://www4.doh.wa.gov/dw/swap/app/login.cfm?app=maps>

If you do not have access to the web, we encourage you to use the internet service available through the public library system.

Reminder:
Any hazardous material that you put onto the ground or in your septic tank could potentially pollute the groundwater. Please help the Mirrormont Water System prevent groundwater contamination for this and future generations.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, those who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/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 at (800) 426-4791.

More information about contaminants found in water and their potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline or by visiting their web site listed below.

Safe Drinking Water Hotline
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www.epa.gov/ogwdw