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Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

Water Plant Manage

Filtration Plant

(615) 758-2840

For more information about your drinking water, contact:

Office / Customer Service (615) 758-5682 Michael Clay,

Public Information Officer

(615) 405-3309

**Backflow / Cross Connections** Brian Causey,

(615) 754-152

After Hours Emergency (615) 758-2840

### Is my drinking water safe?

Yes, in 2024, we conducted many tests for contaminants that could possibly be in our drinking water. The enclosed chart shows the contaminants that were detected.

### What is the source of my water?

The West Wilson Utility District water source is surface water taken from Old Hickory Lake, which is part of the Cumberland River system. It is then pumped to our treatment plant where we work with State officials to determine the vulnerability of our water supply to contamination. We have copies available upon request of our source water assessment. The West Wilson Utility District water system source is rated as reasonably susceptible to potential contamination.

### Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some of these contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk.

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:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses 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 storm water 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 storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants, which may 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

An explanation of Tennessee's Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP), the source water assessment summaries, susceptibility scoring and the overall TDEC report to EPA can be viewed online at https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/ wr-water-resources/water-quality/source-waterassessment.html, or you may contact the water system to obtain copies of specific assessments.

### Think before you flush!

Flushing unused or expired medicines can be harmful to your drinking water. Properly disposing of unused or expired medication helps protect you and the environment. Keep medications out of Tennessee's waterways by disposing in one of our permanent pharmaceutical take back bins. There are over 340 take back bins located across the state in all 95 counties, to find a convenient location please visit:

http://tdeconline.tn.gov/rxtakeback/

## Do I need to take special precautions?

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 for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water as well as food preparation and personal hygiene 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 at this number:

### SAFE DRINKING WATER HOTLINE 1-800-426-4791

### Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?

The State of Tennessee and Environmental Protection Agency require us to test the quality of the water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. It is our goal to meet or exceed all of these requirements.



# 2024 WATER QUALITY DATA CHART

CONTAMINANT (UNITS)		MCLG	MCL	LEVEL FOUND	RANGE OF DETECTION	VIOLATION	DATE OF SAMPLE	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS Total Coliform	RTCR	N/A	TT	ТТ	N/A	NO	JanDec. 2024	Naturally present in environment.
E. coli		0.0	0	0	0	NO	JanDec. 2024	Human and animal waste.
TURBIDITY (ntu)			TT = 1 NTU TT= 95% OF SAMPLES <0.3 NTU	.08 100%	.0208 100%	NO	JanDec. 2024	Soil runoff.
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS Lead***	(ppb)	0.0	AL = 15	0***	BDL	NO	June 2023	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper***	(ppm)	1.3	AL = 1.3	.27***	067	NO	June 2023	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Fluoride	(ppm)	4.0	4.0	.67 AVG.	.5081	NO	2024	Water additive, for strong teeth.
Nitrate	(ppm)	10.0	10.0	.442	N/A	NO	2024	Runoff of fertilizer use.
Sodium	(ppm)	N/A	NONE	5.49	N/A	NO	2024	Erosion of natural deposits.
Chlorine	(ppm)	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	1.8 AVG.	.6 - 2.5	NO	JanDec. 2024	Disinfection of drinking water.
DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)		0.0	80.0	42 LRAA	14 - 62 ****	NO	JanDec. 2024	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids	(ppb)	0.0	60.0	42 LRAA	17 - 60 *****	NO	JanDec. 2024	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Total Organic Carbons*		N/A	25% Required Removal	*TT 44% - 51% Removal	N/A	NO	JanDec. 2024	Naturally present in environment.

- \* West Wilson Utility District has met the Treatment Technique requirements for Total Organic Carbon
- \*\* Any fecal coliform-positive repeat sample or E. coli-positive repeat sample, or any total coliform-positive repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive routine sample constitutes a violation of the MCL for total coliforms.
- \*\*\* Lead and copper values are 90th percentile values (0 out of 30 sample sites exceeded the lead & copper action levels).
- \*\*\*\* All repeat samples and additional samples were negative for fecal coliform.
- \*\*\*\*\* Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

# How can I get involved?

Our Board of Commissioners meets on the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office, located at 10960 Lebanon Road, across from the Little League ballpark. Please feel free to participate in these meetings. Tennessee Code Annotated 7-82-402©6 requires West Wilson Utility District to notify its customers how Commissioners are appointed and how customer complaints may be reviewed by the Utility Management Review Board.

The Commissioners of West Wilson Utility District serve four year terms. Vacancies on the Board of Commissioners are filled by appointment by the Wilson County Mayor from a list of three nominees certified by the Board of Commissioners to the Wilson County Mayor to fill a vacancy. Decisions by the Board of Commissioners on customer complaints brought before the Board of Commissioners under the District's customer complaint policy may be reviewed by the Utility Management Review Board of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation pursuant to Section 7-82-702(7) of the Tennessee Code Annotated.

### What does this chart mean?

- MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or 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.
- MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as is feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Averages are used for samples taken more than once a year.
- MRDL: Maximum Recommended Dosage Level
- MRDLG: Maximum Recommended Dosage Level Goal
- <u>TURBIDITY:</u> Turbidity does not present any risk to your health. We monitor turbidity, which is a measure of the cloudiness of water, because it is a good indicator of how our filtration system is functioning. We met the treatment technique for turbidity with 100% of monthly samples below the turbidity limit of 0.3 NTU.

### **ABBREVIATIONS:**

- PPB: Parts Per Billion or Micrograms per liter
- PPM: Parts Per Million or Milligrams per liter
- N/A: Not Applicable
- NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water.
- MFL: Million Fibers per Liter, used to measure asbestos concentration.
- <u>AL:</u> Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment of other requirements which a system must follow.
- TT: Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- <u>pCi/L:</u> (picocuries per liter)
- BDL: Below Detection Level
- RTCR: Revised Total Coliform Rule
- LRAA: Locational Running Annual Average

**ABOUT THE DATA:** All the data presented in this table is from testing done between January, 2024-December, 2024. We monitor for some contaminants less than once per year, and for those contaminants, the date of the last sample is shown in the table.

### Lead and Copper

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. West Wilson Utility District 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 exposure. 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 it tested, contact Mike Patton of West Wilson Utility District at 615-758-2840. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minute exposure is available at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead">https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead</a>.

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavioral problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavioral problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems.

The completed Lead Service Line Inventory can be accessed on our website at <a href="https://www.westwilsonutility.com">www.westwilsonutility.com</a>.

To locate the Lead Service Line Inventory on our website:

- Customers tab
- Safe Drinking Water Lead & Copper
- Scroll to bottom Related Documents
- Lead Service Line Inventory Data Sheet