

## 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Horseshoe Beach Utilities

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from two wells that draw from the Floridan aquifer. The water is treated with pH adjustment; sedimentation; phosphate for the sequestration of iron; reverse osmosis, and; chlorination for disinfection.

In 2020, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated that there are two potential sources of contamination, both with a low level of concern located near our wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at: [www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp)

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact **Nikki Selph at (352) 498-5234**. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on **the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Horseshoe Beach City Hall, 18 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Horseshoe Beach, Florida.**

Horseshoe Beach Utilities routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2020. Data obtained before January 1, 2020 and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

***Maximum Contaminant Level or 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 or 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.*

***Action Level or AL:** The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.*

***Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or 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 or 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.*

***Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** – one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.*

***Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l)** – one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.*

***Picocurie per liter (pCi/L)** - measure of the radioactivity in water.*

## NON-SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Arsenic (ppb)	12/2018	N	0.2	N/A	0	10	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Lead (point of entry) (ppb)	12/2018	N	0.3	N/A	0	15	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	12/2018	N	45	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
<b>Stage 1 Disinfectant and Disinfection By-Products</b>							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	Monthly 2020	N	2.0	0.5 - 2.0	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
<b>Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products</b>							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	09/2018	N	1.0	N/A	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	09/2018	N	2.81	N/A	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<b>Lead and Copper (Tap Water)</b>							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded Y/N	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	10/2020	N	0.050	1 of 10	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppm)	10/2020	Y	16	2 of 10	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

We constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. This includes monitoring for lead and copper at customer's taps. In October 2020, lead levels at 2 of the 10 taps sampled exceeded the lead action level (AL) of 15 ppb. The 90th percentile result and the number of sampling sites that exceeded the AL is shown in the test results table above. Since the 90th percentile result exceeded the AL, additional steps to evaluate the water system were triggered, including the initiation of semi-annual sampling. We are happy to report that there were no exceedances in our first set of semi-annual samples.

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. Horseshoe Beach Utilities 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>.

