

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2017
Christmas Tree Farm Trailer Park
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We're pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our water source is one well which draws from a confined underground aquifer (name unknown) from a depth of approximately 410 feet. This well is located within the mobile home park properties.

This report shows our water quality and what it means.

A source water assessment plan has been prepared that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination. This plan is available thru the St. Mary's County Public Library or Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

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. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Dwight MaCrae at (301) 475-9811. He may be reached daily Monday thru Friday during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. We want our residents to be informed about their water.

Christmas Tree Farm Trailer Park routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2017. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is 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 - The "Goal"(MCLG) is 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.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

ND – Indicates that there was no lead detected.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants						
Beta/photon emitters (2011)	N	15.4	pCi/L	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Inorganic Contaminants						
Copper (distribution) (2016)	N	ND	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (distribution) (2016)	N	ND	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (2017)	N	0.32	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Arsenic (2017)	N	3.0	ppb	N/A	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes

Note: Test results are for year 2017 or as otherwise indicated; All contaminants are not required to be tested for annually.

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. Christmas Tree Farm Trailer Park 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 drinking 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 EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

NOTE: As can be seen by results listed in the above tables, lead, which is tested for every 3 years in accordance with Federal and State regulations, has not been detected in our most recently collected samples in 2016.

Violations

Fluoride

Our water system is required to collect fluoride samples once every three years. We received a reporting violation for the months of January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2017. Once MDE received our test results we were returned to compliance. We do not believe that this created any adverse health effect.

Consumer Confidence Report Rule

The annual water quality report (also referred to as the Consumer Confidence Report—CCR) is required to be completed and posted for our residents by July 1st of each year. A Certification of Distribution must be submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) by October 1 each year. Last year, we received a reporting violation because we did not submit the certification to MDE prior to the deadline. This did not pose any adverse health effects to our residents.

We received assistance from Maryland Rural Water Association (MRWA) in preparing this report.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All 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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Please call Mr. MaCrae if you have questions about this report.