



WATER

**Please use it wisely.
The City of Stevenson,**

Washington Water System ID # 842502 Report Year: 2020

The City of Stevenson invites you to learn about your drinking water in our Consumer Confidence Report for the year of 2020. Our ongoing goal is to provide our customers with high quality, safe, dependable water in a cost-effective manner. This report is designed to provide you with information about where your water comes from and how we at the City of Stevenson are committed to providing safe drinking water to our consumers.

To help us serve you better, we would like to hear any concerns or questions you may have about your water or this report. Please feel free to contact Karl Russell, Public Works Director, at City Hall (509) 427-5970.

The Source/System

Stevenson's drinking water comes from three surface water sources, Labong Creek, Cedar Spring, and Rock Creek and a well. The surface water sources are filtered and treated at our water plant, which has a capacity to flow and treat one million gallons of water a day. The City well produces 650 gallons per minute. The well is used as an emergency backup. The water distribution system is made up of 3 reservoirs, 8 pressure reducing stations, 123 fire hydrants, and 740 active service connections. In 2020 we received an energy grant to upgrade our water meters to remote read meters. Doing this has reduced staff time meter reading by two thirds and we have seen a more accurate account of water being used.

Water Quality Monitoring

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets all federal and state requirements. The City routinely tests for compounds and contaminants. In 2020 no regulated contaminants exceeded the maximum contaminant levels. On a daily basis, city staff conducts tests that closely monitor the condition of our drinking water. Below is a list of daily tests and a short explanation of why we take them.

- pH:** A neutral pH reduces corrosion in plumbing, and also aids in disinfection
- Temperature:** Helps control disinfection process
- Contact Time:** Assures chlorine has adequate disinfection time before delivery to consumers
- Alkalinity:** Aids in treatment process
- Chlorine Residual:** Measures amount of chlorine in the distribution system
- Turbidity:** A measure of the clarity of the water

On a weekly basis we take coliform samples from pre-determined points throughout the distribution system. Coliform bacteria are organisms that are present in the environment and in the feces of all warm-blooded animals and humans. Coliform bacteria will not likely cause illness. However, its presence in drinking water indicates that disease-causing organisms (pathogens) could be in the water system. Most pathogens that can contaminate water supplies come from the feces of humans or animals. Testing drinking water for all possible pathogens is complex, time-consuming, and expensive; however, it is relatively easy and inexpensive to test for coliform bacteria. If coliform bacteria is found in a water sample, water system operators work to find the source of contamination and restore safe drinking water. We take monthly coliform samples of source water before it is treated to determine coliform levels. Untreated water samples from April and July were not taken. **In 2020, no Coliform was detected in our filtered finished water.**

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2020 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 - December 31, 2020. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year.

Water Quality Data Chart 2020

EPA/State Regulated

Investigative	Result	Reporting Level	Units	Batch	RL Multi	Analyzed	
Calcium	16	.50	mg/l	A715953	1	EPA-200.7	11/02/2020
Hardness	44	1.2	mg/l			SM 2340B	12/07/17
Magnesium	5.5	.10	mg/l	A715953	1	EPA 200.7	11/02/2020
Sodium	13	5.0	Mg/l	ADJ1671		EPA 200.7	11/02/2020

DOH#	ANALYTE	RESULTS	UNITS	SRL	TRIGGER	MCL	MCL Exceeded	Method and
0027	Chloroform	24	ug/L	0.50	-	N/A	No	EPA 524.2 / ANM
0028	Bromodichloromethane	1.8	ug/L	0.5	-	N/A	No	EPA 524.2 / ANM
0029	Dibromochloromethane	ND	ug/L	0.5	-	N/A	No	EPA 524.2 / ANM
0412	Dichloroacetic Acid	3.1	ug/L	1.0	-	N/A	No	EPA 524.2 / PNN
0413	Trichloroacetic Acid	15	Ug/L	1.0	-	N/A	No	EPA 524.2a/PNN
0031	Total Trihalomethanes	24	Ug/L	0.50	-	80	No	EPA 524.2a/ANM
0416	Total Haloacetic Acids	18	Ug/L	2.0	7	60	No	EPA 552.3a/PNN

STATE Unregulated*		90 th percentile	Units	Result	Analyzed	Trigger Level	Method	Analyst Initials
9	Lead	0.065	mg/L	0.065	09/23/20	0.015	EPA 200.8	MAS
23	Copper	0.57	mg/L	0.57	09/23/20	1.3	EPA 200.8	MAS

*Every three years the city tests for lead and copper. Unlike other contaminants, lead and copper do not commonly occur in source water. Instead, they result when building plumbing, faucets, and water fixtures corrode. Therefore, the purpose of this monitoring is to determine if water systems are distributing corrosive water. Systems with corrosive water must investigate and determine the best way to control corrosion. Ten predetermined homes throughout the distribution system are chosen to have residents take samples from regularly used faucets. Two of the test results exceeded the Federal Action Limit. Immediate actions were taken to investigate the cause of the high results. After further investigation it was found that the samples were taken from fixtures that were not in regular use. In 2021 we will re-test ten homes and determine if any further treatment will be needed. (see definitions below)

Terms and Abbreviations:

- 1 MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) The maximum permissible level of a contaminant allowed in the water the purveyor delivers to any public system user.
- 2 SRL (State Reporting Level) Indicates the minimum reporting level required by Washington State Department of Health.
- 3 mg/L Milligrams per liter
- 4 ug/L Micrograms per liter
- 5 J (The result is an estimate as it is greater than the method detection limit but less than the practical reporting limit.
- 6 N. D. (None Detected)
- 7 FAL (Federal Action Limit): .015 mg/L for Lead and 1.3 mg/L copper. If concentrations exceed these levels further action must be taken.
- 8 NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Unit)

- 9 MFL: Millions of Fibers Per Liter

What are disinfection byproducts and how are they formed?

Chlorine is added to drinking water to kill or inactivate harmful organisms that cause various diseases. This process is called disinfection. However, chlorine is a very active substance and it reacts with naturally occurring substances to form compounds known as disinfection byproducts (DBPs). The most common DBPs formed when chlorine is used are trihalomethanes (THMs) and halo acetic acids (HAAs). The City of Stevenson takes samples annually to monitor for DBPs as seen below.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Water Efficiency Tips

Everyone knows the importance of good, clean drinking water. Below are a few tips to help you use your water wisely. For more tips and water saving products please visit <http://www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency/water/simple.htm> or visit City Hall and ask for water use efficiency literature. Also, Indoor Water Conservation Kits are available upon request at City Hall at no charge.

- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it. Use it to water your indoor plants or garden.
- Make sure your home is leak-free. When you are certain that no water is being used, take a water meter reading. Wait 30 minutes and then take a second reading. If the meter readings change, you have a leak!
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.
- Encourage your school system and local government to develop and promote water conservation among children and adults.
- Report broken pipes, open hydrants, and errant sprinklers to the property owner or your water provider.
- Wash your pets outdoors in an area of your lawn that needs water.