

## TABLE OF PRIMARY CONTAMINANTS

PRIMARY STANDARDS	MWWSSB	Rolling Hills
	Highest Detected Level	Highest Detected Level
<b>Bacteriological</b>	<b>MCL</b>	
Total Coliform Bacteria	<5%	coliform absent
		coliform absent
<b>Radiological*</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Highest Single Measurement</b>
Radium 228	5 pCi/L	ND
		2.22
* The radiological results are from the most recent testing done in 2003 in accordance with applicable regulations.		
<b>Turbidity</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Highest Single Measurement</b>
Turbidity	TT	0.30
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<b>Inorganic Chemicals</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Highest Detected Level</b>
Antimony	6 ppb	ND
Arsenic	10 ppb	ND
Barium	2 ppm	0.089
Beryllium	4 ppb	ND
Cadmium	5 ppb	ND
Chromium	100 ppb	ND
Copper	AL = 1.3 ppm	90th percentile value = 0.158
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Cyanide	200 ppb	ND
Fluoride	4 ppm	1
Lead	AL = 15 ppb	90th percentile value = ND
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Mercury	2 ppb	ND
Nitrate	10 ppm	0.2
Nitrite	1 ppm	0.05
Selenium	50 ppb	ND
Thallium	2 ppb	ND

### LEGEND FOR TABLES:

AL	action level
MCL	maximum contaminant level
MCLG	maximum contaminant level goal
MWWSSB	Montgomery Water Works & Sanitary Sewer Board
n/a	not applicable
ND	not detected
NS	no standard exists
NTU	nephelometric turbidity unit
ppb	parts per billion
ppm	parts per million
ppt	parts per trillion
TT	treatment technique
uS/cm	micromhos per centimeter

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### DIOXIN & ASBESTOS MONITORING STATEMENT

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

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# 2009 Water Quality Report

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Water.

One simple word that can mean so many different things to many people depending on the time and situation. From the drought we faced a couple of years ago to the recent flooding we witnessed and experienced recently. Both extremes brought added attention to just how vital a role water plays in our lives.

We need it in our homes, our businesses, our schools, and for recreation. At the Montgomery Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board our mission is to provide you with the highest quality water and sewer service in harmony with the environment. You depend on us to provide it, and we take this responsibility seriously. We take all necessary steps to ensure that the water you receive is clean and safe for your use. Remember our employees work and live here with you. They expect these same high standards for their drinking water too.

In this brochure is information about the quality of water we deliver. We've included information about the sources of water in Montgomery, treatment processes used to clean the water, and the results from laboratory testing for over 150 potential contaminants. Please take some time to read this report. And we'll continue to provide the high quality water that you depend on.

*Buddy Morgan*

General Manager  
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For years, Montgomery's only source of water was its well fields in West and North Montgomery. These well fields, withdrawing groundwater from several underground aquifers, provide high quality, clean water that requires less treatment than surface water. However, the cost of transporting and maintaining the wells is also higher than using surface water. Considering this fact and Montgomery's growing population, in 1965 the C.T. Perry Water Purification Plant was built on the Tallapoosa River. Today, this plant has a capacity of 60 million gallons of water per day (MGD) and accounts for 60% of Montgomery's water supply. The Court Street Pump Station (10 MGD), the Day Street Pump Station (20 MGD), and the Hanan Water Treatment Plant (12.5 MGD), all well fields, account for the remaining 40%. Together, our water sources provide water for Montgomery and surrounding areas.

A source water assessment was conducted for the water supply of Montgomery Water Works including both the surface water and groundwater. An investigation of potential sources of contamination located within our water supply area was conducted. Each source was examined individually to determine the possible impact on the raw water supply. The majority of sources identified during the investigation pose little or no significant threat to our water supply. For more information about the source water assessment or to view a copy of the reports resulting from this investigation, please contact us at (334) 206-1600.



**CRYPTOSPORIDIUM AND GIARDIA**

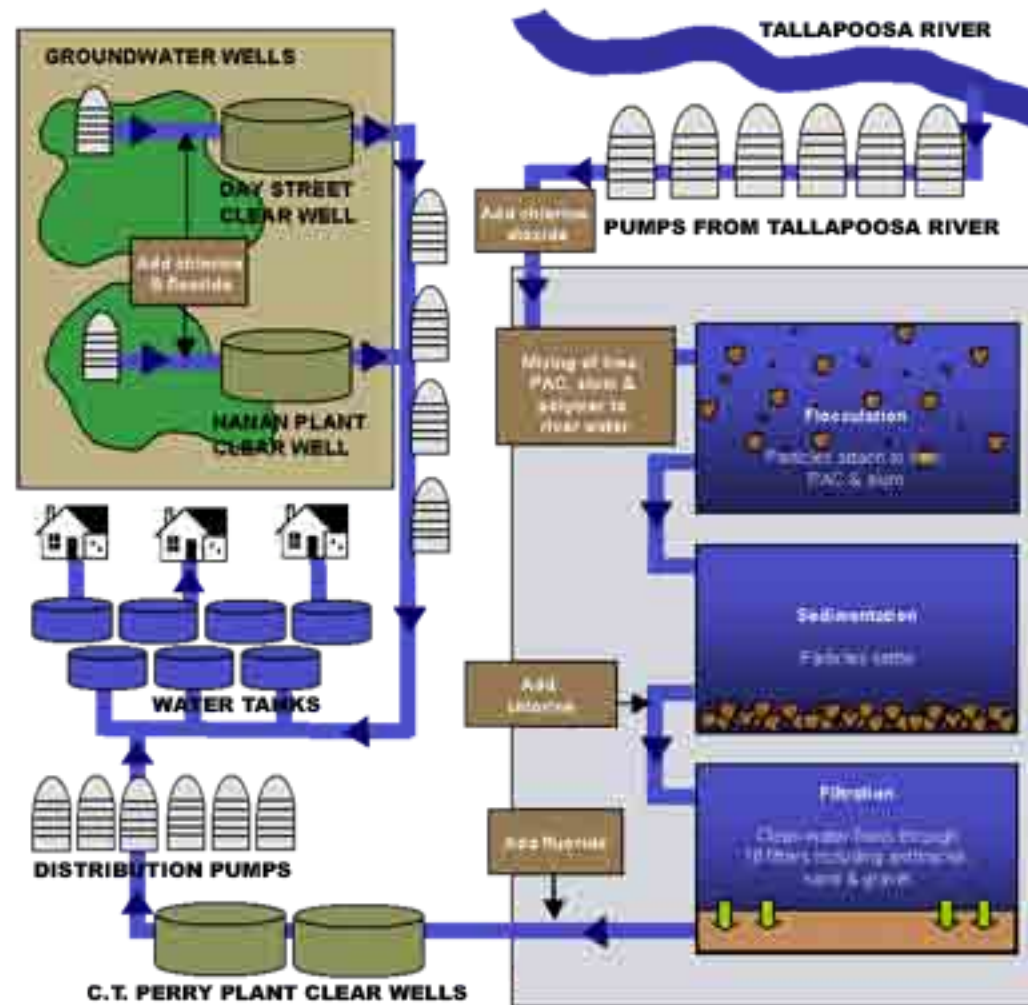
Cryptosporidium and Giardia are microscopic organisms that are relatively widespread in the environment. Surface waters, such as lakes and rivers, that contain a high amount of sewage contamination or animal wastes are more susceptible to increased numbers of these parasites. The Montgomery Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board is taking steps to make sure that these organisms do not pose a problem in your drinking water. Current protection measures taken at the C.T. Perry Water Purification Plant include chlorination, filtration, and monitoring turbidity levels and particle sizes. Additionally, routine backwashing of the filters helps to eliminate the chances of finding these organisms in treated water. Occasionally, we have found these organisms in the raw water, but neither Cryptosporidium nor Giardia has ever been detected in the finished water. We will continue to monitor for these and other contaminants and take all necessary precautions to ensure that your water is safe for your use.

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 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 (800-426-4791).

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 radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. People who are immunocompromised, such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV / AIDS positive or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk 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).

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.



**DEFINITIONS**

**Primary Standards** – Used as guides to protect public health. Primary standards include maximum contaminant levels, maximum contaminant level goals, action levels, and treatment techniques.

**Secondary Standards** – Guidelines to assure good aesthetic quality of water. Secondary standards apply to contaminants that affect the taste, odor or color of water, stain sinks or bathtubs, or interfere with treatment processes.

**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 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 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.

**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.

**Treatment Technique** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Action Level** – The concentration of a contaminant that triggers treatment or other requirement a water system shall follow.

**Water Purification Process**

PRIMARY STANDARDS		MWWSSB				Rolling Hills				Likely Sources
Radiological	Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels			
Radium 228	pCi/L	5	0	ND	ND	2.22	2.22		Erosion of natural deposits	
* The radiological results are from the most recent testing done in 2003 in accordance with applicable regulations.										
Turbidity	Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Single Measurement	Samples Meeting Limits	Highest Single Measurement	Samples Meeting Limits	Likely Sources		
Turbidity	NTU	TT	n/a	0.30	100%	-	-	Soil runoff		
* Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.										
Inorganic Chemicals		Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources	
Barium	ppm	2	2	0.089	ND - 0.089	ND	ND	ND	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Copper	ppm	AL = 1.3	1.3	90th percentile value = 0.158	Zero sites above action level	-	-	-	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	1	ND - 1	ND	ND	ND	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Lead	ppb	AL = 15	0	90th percentile value = ND	Zero sites above action level	-	-	-	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits	
Nitrate	ppm	10	10	0.2	ND - 0.2	ND	ND	ND	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Nitrite	ppm	1	1	0.05	ND - 0.05	ND	ND	ND	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Organic Chemicals		Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources	
Chlorine Dioxide	ppb	800	800	600	10 - 600	-	-	-	Water additive used to control microbes	
Chlorite	ppm	1	0.8	0.85	0.29 - 0.85	-	-	-	Byproduct of drinking water disinfectant	
Disinfection Byproducts		Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Annual Average	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Annual Average	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources	
Haloacetic Acids	ppb	60	0	33	32 - 34	6	4 - 8	6	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination	
Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	80	0	33	32 - 33	1	1 - 2	1	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination	
SECONDARY STANDARDS		MWWSSB				Rolling Hills				
Inorganic Chemicals	Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources		
Chloride	ppm	250	-	22	7 - 22	14	14	Water additive used to control microbes		
Color	Units	15	-	20	ND - 20	ND	ND	Erosion of natural deposits		
Iron	ppb	300	-	128	ND - 128	ND	ND	Erosion of natural deposits		
Manganese	ppm	50	-	29	ND - 29	ND	ND	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from landfills		
Sulfate	ppm	250	-	22	4 - 22	18	18	Erosion of natural deposits		
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	500	-	232	62 - 232	200	200	Erosion of natural deposits		
Inorganic Chemicals (unregulated)*	Units	MCL	MCLG	Avg. Detected Levels	Range of Detected Levels	Avg. Detected Levels	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources		
Alkalinity, Total	ppm	NS	NS	116	19 - 179	155	155	Alkalinity comes from the bicarbonate, hydroxide components of a natural or treated water supply		
Calcium	ppm	NS	NS	12	1 - 35	8	8	Erosion of natural deposits		
Carbon Dioxide	ppm	NS	NS	0.4	ND - 1	1	1	Erosion of natural deposits		
Conductivity	uS/cm	NS	NS	126	45 - 192	175	175	Erosion of natural deposits		
Hardness, Total	ppm	NS	NS	33	4 - 102	24	24	Calcium carbonate occurs as erosion of natural deposits		
Magnesium	ppm	NS	NS	1	0.1 - 3.8	1.0	1.0	Erosion of natural deposits		
pH	std units	NS	NS	8.4	7.8 - 9.3	8.0	8.0	pH identifies the presence of acid or base in water		
Sodium	ppm	NS	NS	33	4 - 69	60	60	Erosion of natural deposits		
Organic Chemicals (unregulated)*	Units	MCL	MCLG	Avg. Detected Levels	Range of Detected Levels	Avg. Detected Levels	Range of Detected Levels	Likely Sources		
Total Organic Carbon	ppm	NS	NS	1.5	1.0 - 1.8	-	-	Naturally present in the environment		

\* Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.