

# Water Quality Report



This report shows our water quality results and what they mean.

GRU routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water in accordance with federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

# The Treatment Process

GRU treats water pumped from the Floridan aquifer. The treatment process includes oxidation, lime softening, recarbonation, filtration, fluoridation and disinfection. This water quality report is submitted to customers as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of GRU's monitoring for the period of Jan. 1, 2023, through Dec. 31, 2023. Data obtained before Jan. 1, 2023, and presented in this report, are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations. The state allows GRU to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some data, though representative, may be more than one year old.

GRU is a municipally-owned utility, governed by the Gainesville Regional Utilities Authority. The GRU Authority normally meets at 301 SE 4th Ave., Gainesville, Florida, at least once a month.

## Source Water Assessment

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection performed Source Water Assessments on GRU's system in 2023. The assessments were conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination within a five-year groundwater travel time around each well. The groundwater system is considered to be at low risk. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program Web site at <https://prodapps.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/>



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# Water Quality Test Results

Listed below are 10 parameters detected in GRU's water during the reporting period. **There were no drinking water violations.** Not listed are many other parameters we test for, but that were not detected. A list of measured parameters is listed in Appendix A.

## INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS

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
Barium (ppm)	1/23	N	0.011	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	1/23 – 12/23	N	0.41	0.23 – 0.64	4	4	Water additive that promotes strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nickel (ppm)	1/23	N	2.4	N/A	N/A	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations. Natural occurrence in soil
Sodium (ppm)	1/23	N	10.7	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil

## SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS INCLUDING PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES

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
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (ppb)	1/23 – 10/23	N	0.82	ND – 0.82	0	6	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories

# DISINFECTANTS AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS

For chlorine, the level detected is the highest running annual average (RAA), computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected. The range of results is the range of results of all the individual samples collected during the past year.

For haloacetic acids or TTHM, the level detected is the highest LRAA, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples collected from a location if the system is monitoring quarterly or is the average of all samples taken during the year if the system monitors less frequently than quarterly. Range of Results is the range of individual sample results (lowest to highest) for all monitoring locations.

Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (Mo/Yr)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	1/23-12/23	N	1.03	0.43 - 1.50	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	1/23 - 10/23	N	15.38	9.6 - 18.8	N/A	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	1/23 - 10/23	N	63.15	34.4 - 73.9	N/A	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

## LEAD AND COPPER (TAP WATER)

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (Mo/Yr)	AL Exceeded (Y/N)	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	07/22 - 08/22	N	0.013	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	07/22 - 08/22	N	1.0	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with home plumbing. GRU is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in customer 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 two 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 **800-426-4791** or at: [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued **Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR)**, which requires all public water systems to create an inventory of the materials comprising all service lines in the water distribution system. This inventory includes both materials on the public side (GRU owned before the water meter) and the private side (customer owned after the water meter). GRU has begun preparing the initial service line inventory, which will be available by Oct. 16, 2024. For more information, please visit [www.gru.com/lead](http://www.gru.com/lead).

# GLOSSARY



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

**Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA):** The arithmetic average of analytic results for samples taken at a specific monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

**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.

**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.

**No Detection (ND):** Indicates the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

**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.

# APPENDIX A

**None of the following potential contaminants were detected in your water supply:** Fecal coliform and E. coli, Alpha emitters, Radium 226+228 or combined radium, Uranium, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Cyanide, Lead (Leaving our treatment plant), Mercury, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Thallium, 2,4-D, 2,4,5-TP (Silvex), Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene (PAH), Carbofuran, Chlordane, Dalapon, Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate, Dibromochloropropane (DBCP), Dinoseb, Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD], Diquat, Endothall, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide, Glyphosate, Heptachlor, Heptachlor epoxide, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl [Vydate], PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls], Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Simazine, Toxaphene, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, Chlorobenzene, p-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene, trans -1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Ethylbenzene, Styrene, Tetrachloroethylene, 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Toluene, Vinyl Chloride, Xylenes, Aluminum, Color, Foaming Agents, Iron, Manganese, Odor, Silver, Zinc, Alachlor, 1,2-Dichlorobenzene

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER

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 include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from wastewater treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can occur naturally or result from urban stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- 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 stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. 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 **800-426-4791**.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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** or at [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater)