



# 2020 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2020

## CITY OF TEMPLE SOURCE WATER & SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The source of drinking water for the City of Temple is Surface Water which comes from the Leon River, south of Lake Belton and is located within the Brazos River Basin. The TCEQ completed an assessment of the City of Temple's source water, and results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for our water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at the City of Temple, contact the Water Treatment Plant at 254.298.5940.

For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer: [tceq.texas.gov/gis/swaview](https://tceq.texas.gov/gis/swaview)

Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at: [tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater](https://tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater)

### WHY DID I RECEIVE THIS REPORT?

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act to include a requirement that water utilities annually notify customers about their drinking water quality. The law is very specific regarding delivery methods and what information must be included. The law requires water suppliers make a good effort to distribute this report to its citizens. This report may also be seen at local city facilities to ensure that the citizens of Temple are educated on the quality of potable drinking water provided by the City's water utility. If you have any questions about information contained in this report, please contact the City's Water Treatment Plant at 254.298.5940.

To participate in the public process, regular City Council meetings occur on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5pm, at Temple's City Hall, 2 N. Main Street. Meetings are open to the public.

# DRINKING WATER INFORMATION

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*\*The following information is for awareness purposes. The exact wording shown below is required by state regulations.\**

The sources of drinking water (both tap & 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 human activity.

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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800.426.4791. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- \* **Microbial contaminants** - viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations & wildlife.
- \* **Inorganic contaminants** - salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, wastewater discharges, oil/gas production, mining or farming.
- \* **Pesticides & herbicides** - which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- \* **Organic Chemical contaminants** - synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production.
- \* **Radioactive contaminants** - naturally occurring or result of oil/gas production activities.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily cause for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the Water Treatment Plant at 254.298.5940.

## IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PERSONS ADVISORY

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You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or immune-compromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 1.800.426.4791.

# WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS: DEFINITIONS

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## Action Level (AL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

## Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

## Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

## Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)

The highest level of 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 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 contamination.

## NA

Not applicable

## NTU

Nephelometric Turbidity Units pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

## ppm

parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

## ppb

parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/L)

## pCi / L


Picocuries per liter; a measure of radioactivity

## Treatment Technique (TT)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

## uS / m

Microseimens per meter; unit of electrical conductance

\*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. We are responsible for providing high-quality drinking water, but we 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 are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [epa.gov/safewater/lead](https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead). 

# WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

Substance (Units)	Sample Year	Avg. Level	Min. Level	Max. Level	90th Percentile	MCL	MCLG	Substance (Units)
<b>Turbidity</b>								
Turbidity (NTU)	2020	0.04	0.02	0.28	NA	Treatment Technique	100%	Soil Runoff
<b>Inorganics</b>								
Fluoride (ppm)	2020	0.21	0.21	0.21	NA	4.00	4.00	(1)
Nitrate as Nitrogen (ppm)	2020	1.32	1.32	1.32	NA	10.00	10.00	(2)
Combine radium (pCi/L)	2011	1.00	1.00	1.00	NA	5.00	0.00	Erosion of natural deposits
Atrazine (ppm)	2020	0.31	0.24	0.36	NA	3	3	Agricultural Runoff
<b>Coliform Bacteria</b>								
Total Coliform bacteria (presence in 5% of samples collected)	2020	NA	0.00%	0.00%	NA	5.00%	0.00%	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Disinfection Residual</b>								
Chloramines (ppm)	2020	2.45	0.59	4.15	NA	4.00 (5)	4.00 (5)	Water additive used to control microbes
<b>Disinfection Byproducts</b>								
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	2020	45.2	29.0	59.5	NA	80 (5)	NA	By product of water disinfection
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	2020	14.73	6.5	18.0	NA	60 (5)	NA	By product of water disinfection
<b>Total Organic Carbon</b>								
Source Water (ppm)	2020	3.69	2.87	4.11	NA	NA	NA	Naturally present in the environment
Drinking Water (ppm)	2020	2.56	2.00	2.93	NA	NA	NA	
Removal Ratio (TT)	2020	1.82	1.15	2.21	NA	NA	NA	
<b>Unregulated Contaminants (6)</b>								
Chloroform (ppb)	2020	6.26	2.7	12.50	NA	NA	NA	By product of water disinfection
Bromoform (ppb)	2020	7.75	4.00	12.0	NA	NA	NA	
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	2020	13.21	7.40	21.20	NA	NA	NA	
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	2020	17.58	12.70	22.60	NA	NA	NA	
<b>Secondary &amp; Other Unregulated Constituents</b>								
Bicarbonate Alkalinity (ppm)	2020	222.00	222.00	222.00	NA	NA	NA	Erosion of limestone
Total Alkalinity (ppm)	2020	163.10	141.00	182.00	NA	NA	NA	Natural soluble minerals/salts
Chloride (ppm)	2020	37.00	37.00	37.00	NA	300.00	NA	Naturally occurring element
Conductivity (uS/m)	2020	543.00	543.00	543.00	NA	NA	NA	Electrical property of water
pH (pH units)	2020	7.30	7.30	7.30	NA	>7.00	NA	Measure of corrosivity
Sodium (ppm)	2020	18.40	18.40	18.40	NA	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	2020	33.00	33.00	33.00	NA	300.00	NA	Naturally occurring compounds
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2020	307	307	307	NA	NA	NA	Total dissolved mineral constituents
<b>Lead &amp; Copper</b>								
Copper (ppm)	2019	0.16	0.061	0.39	0.26	Violation? 1.30	Violation? No	Corrosion of household plumbing and erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	2019	1.6	1.0	6.5	2.3	15.0	No	
<b>Metals Analysis</b>								
Aluminum (ppm)	2020	0.0307	0.0307	0.0307	NA	0.2	0.2	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2020	0.0589	0.0589	0.0589	NA	2.0	2.0	Industrial sources
Calcium (ppm)	2020	67.00	67.00	67.00	NA	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Copper, Free (ppm)	2019	0.16	0.061	0.39	0.26	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Hardness, Calcium & Magnesium (ppm)	2020	12	12	12	NA	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Iron (ppm)	2020	0.001	0.001	0.001	NA	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium (ppm)	2020	12	12	12	NA	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese (ppm)	2020	0.001	0.001	0.001	NA	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (ppm)	2020	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	NA	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Potassium (ppm)	2020	3.58	3.58	3.58	NA	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	2020	18.4	18.4	18.4	NA	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits

(1) Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

(2) Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

(3) 90th percentile value

(4) Sites exceeding action level

## **Mandatory Language for Monitoring and Reporting Violation**

### **SURFACE WATER MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR**

The City of Temple, PWS ID TX0140005, has violated the monitoring and reporting requirements set by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC), Section 290, Subchapter F. Public water systems that treat surface water and/or ground water under the direct influence of surface water are required to submit monthly operating reports with operational data of the treatment, disinfection and quality of the water provided to their customers.

We failed to monitor and/or report the following constituents: Data required to evaluate Membrane Filters

This/These violation(s) occurred in the monitoring period(s) December 22, 2020

Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water is safe. We did not complete all monitoring and/or reporting for surface water constituents, and therefore TCEQ cannot be sure of the safety of your drinking water during that time.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue:

On December 22, 2020 the membrane water treatment plant was brought online. As required by the TCEQ, each membrane unit was put through a direct integrity test to ensure the membranes were intact. When attempting to perform a direct integrity test on unit #10, the test could not be performed due to a mechanical failure. As a result, the membranes could not be verified on that day. The mechanical failure was repaired, and the subsequent direct integrity test passed. The passing test ensured the membranes on unit #10 were always safely filtering water.

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact the Water Treatment Plant at (254)-298-5940.

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

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<b>Public Works Administration</b>	<b>254.298.5621</b>
<b>Temple Police Dept. (Non-Emergency)</b>	<b>254.298.5500</b>
<b>Water Treatment Plant</b>	<b>254.298.5940</b>
<b>Temple Public Library</b>	<b>254.298.5556</b>
<b>Water Dist./Wastewater Collection</b>	<b>254.298.5611</b>
<b>Visitors Center</b>	<b>254.298.5900</b>
<b>Utility Business Office (Water Bill)</b>	<b>254.298.5616</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>254.298.5732</b>
<b>Solid Waste &amp; Recycling Services</b>	<b>254.298.5725</b>
<b>City Manager's Office</b>	<b>254.298.5600</b>