

La Vergne Water System Water Quality Report 2009

Is my drinking water safe?

Yes, our water meets all of EPA's health standards. We have conducted numerous tests for over 80 contaminants that may be in drinking water. As you'll see in the chart on the back, we only detected 10 of these contaminants. We found all of these contaminants at safe levels.

What is the source of my water?

Your water, which is surface water, comes from the J Percy Priest Lake. Our goal is to protect our water from contaminants and we are working with the State to determine the vulnerability of our water source to **potential** contamination. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for the untreated water sources serving this water system. The SWAP Report assesses the susceptibility of untreated water sources to **potential** contamination. To ensure safe drinking water, all public water systems treat and routinely test their water. Water sources have been rated as reasonably susceptible, moderately susceptible or slightly susceptible based on geologic factors and human activities in the vicinity of the water source. The La Vergne Water System sources rated as reasonably susceptible to potential contamination.

An explanation of Tennessee's Source Water Assessment Program, the Source Water Assessment summaries, susceptibility scorings and the overall TDEC report to EPA can be viewed online at www.tn.gov/environment/dws/dwassess.shtml or you may contact the Water System to obtain copies of specific assessments.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

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).

Este informe contiene información muy importante. Tradúscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

For more information about your drinking water, please call Thomas Champagne at 615-793-6536.

How can I get involved?

Our Mayor/Aldermen Workshop meetings are on the last Thursday at 5:00pm and the Mayor/Aldermen meetings are the first Tuesday at 7:00pm of each month. Please feel free to participate in these meetings.

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?

The State and EPA require us to test and report on our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We have met all of these requirements. Results of unregulated contaminant analysis are available upon request. We want you to know that we pay attention to all the rules.

Other Information

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:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring 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 be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. La Vergne Water System's water treatment processes are designed to reduce any such substances to levels well below any health concern. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Do I Need To Take Special Precautions?

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 not only their drinking water, but food preparation, personal hygiene, and precautions in handling infants and pets 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).

Lead in Drinking Water

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. La Vergne Water System 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 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

Water System Security

Following the events of September 2001, we realize that our customers are concerned about the security of their drinking water. We urge the public to report any suspicious activities at any utility facilities, including treatment plants, pumping stations, tanks, fire hydrants, etc. to 615-793-7744.

Water Quality Data

What does this chart mean?

- **MCLG** - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or 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.
- **MCL** - Maximum Contaminant Level, or 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. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, 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.
- **MRDL**: 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 the control of microbial contaminants.
- **MRDLG**: Maximum residual disinfectant level goal. 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.
- **AL** - Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** – explained in relation to time one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years.
- **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter** - explained in relation to time as one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years. .
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- **TT** - Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Date of Sample	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria ⁴	NO	1		2009		0	<2 positive samples	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity ¹	NO	1.00	.04-1.00 Avg.09		NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Copper*	NO	90th% =.074		08/08	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride	NO	1.31	.65-1.31 Avg. 0.94	2009	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead*	NO	90th% =1.6		08/08	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	1.6		2009	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	NO	9.2		2009	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; used in water treatment
TTHM ³ (Total trihalomethanes)	NO	58.5 Highest running annual avg.	13.3-97.1		ppb	n/a	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	NO	25.9 Highest running annual avg.	4.9-71.9		ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Organic Carbon ²	NO			2009	ppm	TT	TT	Naturally present in the environment.
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Found	Range of Detections	Date of Sample	Unit Measurement	MRDLG	MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	NO	1.29 Avg.	0.3-3.20	2009	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.

*During the most recent round of Lead and Copper testing, only 1 out of 30 households sampled contained concentrations exceeding the action level. 199.6% of our samples were below the turbidity limit.

²We have met all treatment technique requirements for Total Organic Carbon removal.

³TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

⁴Coliform: The La Vergne Water system collected 3 positive total coliform samples at separate times in the distribution system after a line was fixed or repaired (7/27/09, 10/8/09, 11/12/09) repeat samples for all positive results proved negative.



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<p align="center">Monitoring Violation for La Vergne Water System</p> <p>During December 2008, La Vergne Water System had a failure to monitor violation on two or their eight filters. Although this situation does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you as a customer have a right to know what happened, what you should do and what was done to correct this situation.</p> <p align="center">What should I do?</p> <p>You do not need to do anything at this time, as these were not maximum contaminant level violations. All samples taken during 2008 met required limits.</p> <p align="center">What happened and what is being done.</p> <p>We failed to monitor turbidity on 2 of our 8 filters on December 15 and 16, 2008 for a period of 10 hours. The two filters were down earlier on the fifteenth for maintenance and left in the "on hold" status. At the completion of the maintenance the filters were put into service. The water that is distributed to the public is a combination of all the filters, at no time during this period was the standard of the water quality in any danger. We have added monitoring procedures to prevent future events.</p>	<p align="center">Water Billing Information</p> <p align="center">Please call La Vergne Water Billing Customer Service 615-793-5932</p> <p align="center">Monday – Friday 8:00 – 4:30 PM</p> <p align="center">To Pay Your Bill</p> <p align="center">La Vergne City Hall – Office / Drive Thru Monday – Friday 8:00 – 4:30 PM</p> <p align="center">Credit / Debit Card Payments are accepted</p> <p align="center">We also have a convenient drop box located next to our drive thru</p> <p align="center">Make on line payments:</p> <p align="center">http://lavergne.org City Payments>>Water/Sewer Payments</p>
<p align="center">Cross-Connection Safety Information</p> <p>The Tennessee Division of Water Supply requires all public water systems in the state to operate an on-going program to protect the public water supply from possible cross-connections. The most effective method for the La Vergne Water System to meet this requirement is to require customers to install a backflow preventer on the main supply line to their property or facility, thus protecting the community from any cross-connections that may be present inside a customer's plumbing system. All water users benefit from an active, on-going cross-connection program that includes the installation of backflow preventers where required by state regulations and local codes.</p>	<p align="center">Notice Hydrants being Flushed</p> <p>The La Vergne Water Department flushes hydrants to prevent build-up of mineral deposits and better regulate chlorine residuals in the Distribution system. The La Vergne Fire Department also performs flow testing on all hydrants.</p>