



# ECCV

Water & Sanitation District

# WATER QUALITY REPORT

**Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)**

*East Cherry Creek Valley  
Water & Sanitation District*

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*Entrance to the ECCV Northern  
Water Treatment Plant*

*At East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District (ECCV), our mission is sustaining our community by providing safe, reliable water. The quality of the water in your home is of the utmost importance to us.*

This report is intended to give you valuable information about your water. It will help you to understand where the water you use comes from, and how water contributes to your family’s health. ECCV wants its customers to be informed about the services we provide, and the quality of the water we deliver to you every day. If you have any questions about this report or concerns about water quality, please contact **Sara Brewer, Water Quality Compliance Specialist at 303-693-3800 ext 191** or visit our website: [www.eccv.org](http://www.eccv.org)

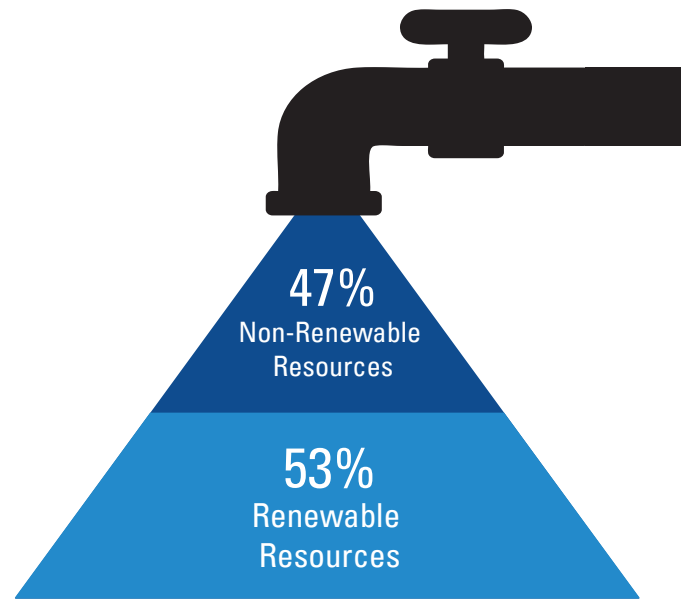
## Where Does My Water Come From?

In 2023, ECCV received its water supply from two sources:

### 1 Non-Renewable Resources - 47%

#### Deep Aquifers

ECCV uses approximately 86 wells within the District and in its Western Well Field. These wells draw water from the Denver Basin Aquifer. Aquifers are open spaces, typically filled with gravel and sand, in underground bedrock layers that contain water. Groundwater from aquifers typically needs little treatment to meet drinking water standards because it is not exposed to environmental pollutants. Deep aquifers are considered a “non-renewable” source because they cannot be replenished with rainfall or snow melt as quickly as the water is withdrawn.



### 2 Renewable Resources - 53%

#### ECCV Northern Project

This project delivers renewable water near the South Platte River and comprises more than half of ECCV’s annual water supply. ECCV stores this water in the Beebe Draw aquifer near Brighton. When needed, ECCV’s Northern Water Treatment Plant uses thirteen wells to extract the water. ECCV then treats the water with Reverse Osmosis and UV disinfection. Once treated, the water is transported through a 31-mile pipeline to our distribution system.

## Sustainability Partners

In order to improve sustainability and redundancy, ECCV receives water from Denver Water and from the South Metro WISE Authority pipeline. Denver Water treats surface water from five reservoirs that receive water from the South Platte River and the sources that feed Dillon Reservoir and the Fraser River. The WISE Authority is a water wholesaler that does not have any of its own sources. The WISE Authority delivers water from ECCV's western well field and Aurora Water. Aurora Water treats surface water from 12 reservoirs and lakes that receive water from the Colorado, Arkansas and South Platte River basins.

All water sources are tested regularly and meet all State and Federal drinking water regulations.

### UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF ECCV WATER

The mineral content of ECCV's water varies from the **two sources**—enough to cause taste and odor differences in the water as wells are rotated and supplies blended. ECCV's treatment plant provides more consistency to the water supply and less variation in the taste and odor of the water.

## More 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: These may come from wastewater treatment facilities, septic systems, agricultural and/or livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**  
Such as salts and metals: These can be naturally-occurring, or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**  
Which may originate from a variety of sources, such as: agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**  
This includes synthetic and volatile organic chemicals. These are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production. They may also come from gas station, urban storm-water runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**  
These can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

ECCV ensures that your tap water is safe to drink by adhering to EPA regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

## Iron and Manganese

Iron and manganese are naturally occurring minerals that exist in deep aquifers where ECCV gets a portion of its water supply. While infrequent, iron and manganese can cause temporary discoloration in water. This presents as a slight yellowing or a rust color in the water.

In instances where discoloration is present the water remains safe to consume. Drinking water regulations classify both iron and manganese as secondary contaminants, as they can impact the look, taste, and odor of water but do not present acute health risks. Suggested limits for iron and manganese in drinking water, known as Secondary Maximum Contaminant Limits (MCL), are listed below along with results of testing for iron and manganese in water entering the ECCV system:

	2023 Average	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Limit (MCL)
Iron	0.0064 mg/L	0.3 mg/L
Manganese	0.0144 mg/L	0.05 mg/L

ECCV flushes water lines each spring to remove iron and manganese that may have settled in the lines. Customers who experience discoloration issues that do not clear after running a faucet on cold for 15 minutes should contact ECCV as additional flushing may be necessary. ECCV also encourages customers to avoid doing laundry until water is once again running clear to prevent possible staining.

## Drinking Water and Your Health

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily mean that the water poses a health risk.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

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, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice concerning drinking water from their health care providers.

For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants, call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.



## GUARDING AGAINST LEAD IN YOUR HOME'S 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. ECCV 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead>.

## Source Water Protection

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) has provided ECCV with a Source Water Assessment Report for the District's water supply. To obtain a copy of the report or for information about Denver or Aurora Water's potential sources of contamination, visit the CDPHE website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/swap-assessment-phase> or contact ECCV at 303-693-3900 ext 191.

Potential sources of contamination in our source water area come from commercial and industrial activities such as leaking underground storage tanks. The Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that could occur. It does not mean that the contamination has occurred or will occur. ECCV can use this information to evaluate our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help ECCV ensure quality water is delivered to your home. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan.

## Testing for PFAS

PFAS is short for a group of man-made chemical compounds that are scientifically known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. They have been used for decades in a variety of applications including non-stick and water repellent coatings, and firefighting foam. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set new regulatory standards for PFAS in drinking water in 2024. ECCV conducts regular, state-certified testing of its drinking water supplies for PFAS. The results of these tests show ECCV drinking water continues to meet all of the newly adopted federal standards for PFAS.

Find information on EPA PFAS standards at <https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>



*The South Platte River flows from Colorado's central mountains through the Denver metro area. It makes up a majority of ECCV's renewable water supply.*

# Testing for Your Safety

ECCV routinely monitors for contaminants in its drinking water supply, in accordance with Federal and State laws. The table below shows all of the applicable drinking water contaminants detected from January 1 to December 31, 2023, unless otherwise noted. Constituents not detected within the last five (5) years are not listed. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. You can find the definitions to the terms in this table on Page 7 of this report.

## ECCV - Water Quality Table

### Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System

**TT Requirement:** At least 95% of samples per period (month or quarter) must be at least 0.2 ppm **OR**

If sample size is less than 40 no more than 1 sample is below 0.2 ppm

**Typical Sources:** Water additive used to control microbes

Disinfectant Name	Time Period	Results	Number of Samples Below Level	Sample Size	TT Violation	MRDL
Chlorine	December, 2023	Lowest period percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	0	77	No	4.0 ppm

### Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Time Period	90th Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90th Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90th Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	01/12/2023 to 04/19/2023	0.09	60	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	01/12/2023 to 04/19/2023	3	60	ppb	15	1	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	07/10/2023 to 10/18/2023	0.07	60	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	07/10/2023 to 10/18/2023	1	60	ppb	15	1	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

### Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System

Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	5.79	0 to 12.6	32	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	15.95	0 to 32.8	32	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

### Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha	2023	3.4	3.4 to 3.4	1	pCi/L	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	2023	1.85	1.7 to 2	2	pCi/L	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits

## Secondary Contaminants\*\*

\*\*Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin, or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard
Sodium	2023	55.45	35.7 to 101.2	11	ppm	N/A

## Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Arsenic	2023	0.09	0 to 1	11	ppb	10	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium	2023	0.09	0.04 to 0.16	11	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	2023	0.91	0 to 2	11	ppb	100	100	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2023	1.07	0.7 to 1.29	11	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	2023	0.18	0 to 1	11	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	2023	1.64	0 to 8	11	ppb	50	50	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines

## Terms and Definitions

**br** means below the reportable level for an analysis; the reportable level is the lowest reliable level that can be measured.

**Trigger levels** are limits that when reached warrant further investigation and/or action as per a specific regulation.

**MRDLG** is the Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.

**Contaminant:** A potentially harmful physical, biological, chemical substance.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to MCLG's 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 risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (SMCL):** are non-enforceable recommended limits for substances that affect taste, odor, color or other aesthetic qualities of drinking water, rather than posing a health risk.

**Parts per billion (ppb):** Equivalent to micrograms per liter. One ppb is comparable to one drop of water in 55,000 gallons.

**Parts per million (ppm):** Equivalent to milligrams per liter. One ppm is comparable to one drop of water in 55 gallons.

**pCi/L** is picoCuries per Liter. This is a radiological unit measuring radioactivity per unit volume.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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

# DENVER WATER - Water Quality Table

## Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System

TT Requirement: At least 95% of samples per period (month or quarter) must be at least 0.2 ppm OR  
If sample size is less than 40 no more than 1 sample is below 0.2 ppm

Typical Sources: Water additive used to control microbes

Disinfectant Name	Time Period	Results	MRDL
Chloramine	December, 2023	Lowest period percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	4.0 ppm

## Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Time Period	Unit of Measure	90th Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	Number of Samples Below Level	Sample Size	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Copper	01/31/2023 to 04/28/2023	ppm	1.3	0	No	370	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	01/31/2023 to 04/28/2023	ppb	15	3	No	370	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	07/05/2023 to 12/29/2023	ppm	1.3	0	No	438	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	07/05/2023 to 12/29/2023	ppb	15	7	No	438	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

## Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System

Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	18.28	9.3 to 40.5	64	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	32.39	15.6 to 73.5	64	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

## Total Organic Carbon (Disinfection Byproducts Precursor) Removal Ratio of Raw and Finished Water

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	TT Minimum Ratio	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Total Organic Carbon Ratio	2023	1.22	1.03 to 1.43	39	Ratio	1.00	No	Naturally present in the environment

\*If minimum ratio not met and no violation identified then the system achieved compliance using alternative criteria.

## Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Sample Date	Level Found	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Date/Month: Jul	Highest single measurement: 0.203 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Month: Dec	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100 %	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	No	Soil Runoff

## Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha	2023	2.37	0.5 to 5.6	6	pCi/L	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	2021	0.92	0 to 2.1	6	pCi/L	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Uranium	2023	0.22	0 to 0.8	19	ppb	30	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits

## Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Barium	2023	0.03	0.02 to 0.05	19	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2023	0.6	0.26 to 0.74	34	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	2023	0.06	0 to 0.19	34	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

## Secondary Contaminants\*\*

\*\*Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin, or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard
Sodium	2023	19.56	9.8 to 27	19	ppm	N/A