

## **2020 Consumer Confidence Report for Carroll's Water Association, ID #11300F**

*To comply with the Safe Water Drinking Act, Carroll's Water Association annually issues a report on monitoring performed on its drinking water. The purpose of this report is to advance customers understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect our precious water resources. This water report is provided to give you information on your drinking water, its quality, its source and information on possible health problems due to contaminants found in your drinking water. As a water utility, our goal is to provide you with a water supply that is safe and dependable. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.*

***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.*

***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. 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 microbial contaminants are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline.*

***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 **EPA's Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).***

***<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-regulations>***

Your drinking water comes from five community wells located within the Carrolls Water District. Activity around the wells is restricted to help avoid contamination of the wells. We are currently chlorinating the water from Wells # 2 and 3. In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The water provided from these wells currently meets State DOH standards for drinking water. Included in this report is the water quality data listing and any violations for 2020. For information concerning source water assessment call Duane Lantau at 360-262-9580.

***Contaminants That May Be Present** in source water before we treat it include:*

***Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural operations and wildlife.*

***Inorganic Contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.*

***Radioactive Contaminants**, which are naturally-occurring.*



**Pesticides and Herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural 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 storm water runoff and septic systems.

**Terms & Abbreviations used below:**

N/A: not applicable; ND: not detectable at testing limit; ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter; ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter; pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Containment 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.

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

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

**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.

**Variances and Exceptions:** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL, an action level, or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** These standards are developed to protect the aesthetic qualities of drinking water and are not health based.

**Lead and Copper 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile:** LEAD AND COPPER 90TH PERCENTILE VALUE: Treat the water when more than 10 percent of samples exceed the action level (0.015 PPM).

**WATER QUALITY DATA**

This year we conducted monthly bacterial testing as required by the State Department of Health (DOH). Testing was also done for Nitrates, Herbicides, Pesticides, Lead & Coppers, . Any contaminants detected were below the State DOH maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for safe drinking water. All bacterial samples were satisfactory. Unless otherwise noted, all other testing is current and meets State and/or Federal requirements.

The table included with this report lists all the drinking water contaminants that have been detected through the 2020 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing through December 31, 2020. The state requires us to monitor for

certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. *[Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, may be more than one year old.]*

**Coliform Bacteria** are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful bacteria may be present. Monthly bacteria samples are collected. All tests for 2020 were satisfactory.

**Disinfection By-products** [Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)].

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to help the EPA determine their occurrence in drinking water, and potential need for future regulation.

**Lead:** In Washington State, lead in drinking water comes primarily from materials and components used in household plumbing. The more time water has been sitting in pipes, the more dissolved metals, such as lead, it may contain. Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children. To help reduce potential exposure to lead: for any drinking water tap that has not been used for 6 hours or more, flush water through the tap until the water is noticeably colder before using for drinking or cooking. You can use the flushed water for watering plants, washing dishes, or general cleaning. Only use water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have *your* water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water is available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or online at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. Lead and copper testing was last done in September 2020. The results are listed in the included table.

**Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations? The State DOH and the EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We are required to submit samples as scheduled by the State DOH and are working hard to ensure we meet those requirements.**

### **Water Conservation**

The State DOH has asked that all water systems encourage water conservation.

Though our well provides adequate water to meet our needs, we would like to ask you to check for leaking faucets, toilets, and pipes. A small leak can use a substantial amount of water waste. As summer progresses please use conservation methods as you use water outside, such as:

**[http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/ndwc/articles/OT/WI06/Conserve\\_OT\\_W06.pdf](http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/ndwc/articles/OT/WI06/Conserve_OT_W06.pdf)**

**<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/0807064.pdf>**

If you have questions concerning this report, water usage or your water utility, please call Duane Lantau at 360-262-9580. We ask that all of our customers help us to protect our water resources which are so essential to our well-being.

Sincerely,

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