

# Wishram

## 2024 Water Quality Report For 2023 Reporting Year

### DID YOU KNOW?

All 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:**

1 (800) 426-4791

### Water Use Efficiency Rule

Growing communities, agriculture, industry, and the importance of conservation water have placed an increasing demand on our state's water resources. To help meet these growing needs, the Washington State Legislature passed the Municipal Water Law.

A key element of this law involves the citizens in each community water system. Publicly established water saving goals specifically directed toward our consumers have been passed by the Board of Commissioners. Measures are now being implemented as part of KPUD's Water Use Efficiency Program. Please refer to the website for more information.  
[www.klickitatpud.com](http://www.klickitatpud.com)

### Water Quality Report

The 2024 Water Quality Report for 2023 is provided to all the residents of Wishram who are supplied with drinking water. This report is designed to inform you about water quality and services that are delivered to you every day. Our goal is to provide a safe, dependable water source to your community. The Klickitat County PUD is continually making efforts to improve our treatment processes and protect our water resources.

**Our water system is identified by a Washington Department of Health identification number: 979506.**

### Health Information

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 drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines can offer appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection from cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants; this information is available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.**

### More Information

Your drinking water meets federal and state requirements.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the KPUD at (509) 773-5891 and ask for the water department. You are also welcome to call at 1-800-548-8357.**

### About Our Testing

PUD Staff routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. This report contains information on the water quality monitoring for January 1 to December 31, 2023. We test for over 100 different contaminants including monthly coliform testing. All contaminants, except those listed in the table on the next page, were not detected in your water system. If you would like to see the results for this testing they can be made available for you.

We at the district work diligently to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect the water resources, which are the heart of your community, your way of life and your children's future.

### Where does our water come from?

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.

Wishram water comes from groundwater. Three wells are currently active Well No. 3 (S13), located in eastern Wishram, is the primary source of water. It became operational in 2018. (S13) pumps through the distribution mains to the lower reservoir. A booster station near the lower reservoir pumps to the upper reservoir. The upper well (S10) is located above Wishram Heights. The lower well (S11) located above the main part of Wishram at the lower reservoir. The water is gravity fed from each concrete reservoir through an underground distribution system to the individual houses. Within each pump house is a sodium hypochlorite injection (bleach) unit which injects a small quantity of bleach whenever the water pump is operating. The bleach acts as a disinfectant to prevent bacterial growth. The wells pump automatically and operate based on water level within the reservoirs.

### Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP)

data available for review

<https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/drinking-water/source>

*Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.*

### 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 tanks, agricultural livestock operations and /or 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 and/or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, may come from a variety of sources such as residential uses or agricultural practices.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which are naturally occurring.

**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.

**Note:** Only those contaminants that were actually detected are listed. All others were not found in your water source.

# Water Quality Data Table

Inorganic Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Your Water	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contaminant
<b>Arsenic (ppb)</b>	10	0	S11 = 0.280 S13 = 0.290	Aug. 2018 July 2021	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass & electronics production wastes.
<b>Barium (ppm)</b>	2	2	S10 = 0.012 S11 = 0.012 S13 = 0.007	Aug. 2023 Aug. 2018 July 2021	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Chlorine (ppm)</b>	MRDL 4	MRDLG 4	Residual Range 0.45-0.81	2023	Water additive used to control microbes. Variance based on location within distribution system.
<b>Chromium (ppb)</b>	100	100	S11 = 1.20 S13 = 1.45	Aug. 2018 July 2021	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Thallium (ppb)</b>	2	.5	S11 = 1.02 S13 = 0.290	Aug 2018 July 2021	Leaching from ore processing sites; Discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories.
<b>Copper (ppm)</b>	AL = 1.3	1.3	S11 = 0.0023 <sup>+</sup> S13 = 0.0023 <sup>+</sup> 90th Percentile = 0.01	Aug. 2018 July 2021 Aug. 2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits. 90th percentile means 90% of the 10 homes sampled had results less than 0.01 ppm. No home exceeded the AL.
<b>Fluoride (ppm)</b>	4	4	S10 = 0.262 S11 = 0.30 S13 = 0.60	Aug. 2023 Aug. 2018 July 2021	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
<b>Lead (ppb)</b>	AL = 15	0	S11 = 0.23 <sup>+</sup> S13 = 0.12 <sup>+</sup> 90th Percentile = 0.61	Aug. 2018 July 2021 Aug. 2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits. 90th percentile means 90% of the 10 homes sampled had results less than 0.61 ppb. No home exceeded the AL
<b>Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)</b>	10	10	S10 = 0.156	Aug. 2023	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Alpha emitters [gross alpha excluding uranium]</b>	15 pCi/l	-	S10 = 1.94	June 2022	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Combined radium [228]</b>	5 pCi/l	-	S10 = 0.460 S11 = 0.08	June 2022 July 2022	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Total Coliform Bacteria</b>	TT	N/A	Present / E. coli absent*	Sept. 2019	Naturally present in the environment.
Volatile Organic Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Your Water	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contaminant
<b>Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) [ppb]</b>	80	0	S11 = 2.7 (Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Chlorodibromomethane, bromoform) Distribution = 4.71	April 2018 Aug. 2023	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Secondary Contaminants			Your Water	Sample Date	Effects in Drinking Water
<b>Manganese</b>			S10 = 0.0114 S11 = 0.025	Aug. 2023 Aug 2022	High levels of Manganese typically stain clothes and may result in "smelly" water at certain times of the year.
<b>Iron</b>			S10 = 0.0121 S11 = 0.041	Aug. 2023 Aug 2022	High levels of Iron typically stain clothes and may result in "smelly" water at certain times of the year.

\*In 2019 Total Coliform was present, E.coli was absent. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exist through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments. The assessment found the problem to be at sample station #1. This station was completely removed disassembled and disinfected. All follow-up samples after the correction were reported satisfactory.

### Terms & Abbreviations used above:

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

**Maximum Contaminant 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.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (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 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.

**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.

**N/A:** not applicable **ND:** not detectable at testing limit

**ppb:** parts per billion **ppm:** parts per million

**pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (measure of radiation)

**TT:** treatment technique

These results are from the most recent Inorganic Contaminant testing, done in accordance with regulations. Class A water systems are only required to test for Inorganic Contaminants every 3 year reporting period. Any fluoride in your tap water is naturally occurring and not an additive chemical.

+ Copper and lead were analyzed from the source (directly from the well) and are below the action level.

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. KPUD 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 thirty 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 or at

<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>