

2021 Annual Water Quality Report King County Water District 20

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News from the District

This is the twenty third annual Water Quality Report to our customers describing the District's drinking water sources and quality for 2020. Federal regulations require water utilities to provide information to their ratepayers annually. This report shows how your water complies with EPA standards. Water District 20 and the City of Seattle are proud of their water systems and want to share this information with you to help you make informed decisions about your drinking water.

2021 Capital Improvement Project 8th AVE S SERVICE REPLACEMENT

City of Burien portion:

Replace and reconnect all existing water services between S 128th St and S 112th St and install two new fire hydrants.

Unincorporated King County portion:

Replace two existing master meter stations off 8th Ave S for the Glen Acres Golf & Country Club at 8th Pl S and at Glen Acres Dr S with separate new 6" meters and 8" DCVA's. New pipe will be installed from the main to the meters.

Annual Flushing

Water mains are flushed throughout the District annually to maintain high water quality. If you see water running down your street and you do NOT see our sign, please contact the office.



Please let us know if you have any ideas on how the District can serve you better.

Michael Martin, General Manager

Information for Water District 20 Customers

City of Burien Utility Tax

The City of Burien passed Ordinance #744, an 8% tax on the water bill, on October 19, 2020 effective January 1, 2021. If you do NOT live within the city limits of Burien, the tax is not assessed on your bill. The tax applies to the Fixed Charge and water usage portions of your bill. Prior to implementation of the tax, the Fixed Charge included governmental services for streetlights, District costs allocated to providing fire protection and on-going costs associated with running and maintaining the water system. Because streetlights and fire service cost allocation are non-taxable government services, they have been separated out of the Fixed Charge leaving only the costs associated with operating the water system.

Installation of streetlights became part of the Comprehensive Plan of Water District 20 in 1959. While Seattle Public Utilities retains ownership of the fixtures, the District pays for the streetlights and their upkeep. The **SPU outage hotline is 206-684-7056** or e-mail street.light@seattle.gov

Fire cost allocation includes installation and on-going maintenance and operation of fire hydrants within the District.

Due to COVID-19, the office is closed to the public until at least when Governor Inslee announces Phase 4 of re-opening and when District Management is confident doing so will not endanger the staff or public. District staff is in the office and available to answer questions and take payments by phone at 206-243-3990. Other payment options are online at our website www.kcwd20.com or in the Night Box drop off at our front door. Payments are collected from the Night Box throughout the day. Please note that the District continues to accept monetary donations on behalf of the local food banks.

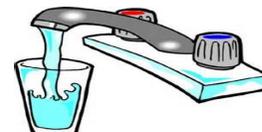
2020 Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 4 (UCMR4) Sampling Results

The EPA has established MRLs (Minimum Reporting Levels) based on the capability of the analytical method. These are not based on a level established as "significant" or "harmful". The detection of a UCMR4 contaminant does not signify cause for concern in and of itself. The purpose of the monitoring is to help determine their occurrence in drinking water and any potential need for future regulation.

In 2020, two analytes were monitored: Cylindrospermopsin and Anatoxin-a. No detections of either were in the samples taken.

Healthy Rivers, Fish and You

We share our water with the entire ecosystem. The mountain reservoirs that supply our tap water also provide water to rivers that are home to salmon, trout, and many other species. Conserving water in the summer and fall helps adult salmon who are returning to rivers to spawn when stream flows are naturally low. Each gallon you save stays in our rivers and lakes to sustain salmon, wildlife, and forests.



2021 Water Quality

The results of 2020 regional water quality testing are summarized in the table below. All of the compounds found in the Cedar River supply were found to be at lower levels than allowed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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 (800) 426-4791.

Detected Compounds	Units	Major Source	Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Maximum Allowable (MCL)	Average	Range	Complies?
Raw Water							
Total Organic Carbon	ppm	Naturally present in the environment	NA	TT	0.7	0.3 to 1.1	√ Yes
Finished Water							
Turbidity	NTU	Soil Runoff	NA	TT	0.3	0.15 to 3.1	√ Yes
Arsenic	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits	0	10	0.4	0.4 to 0.5	√ Yes
Barium	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits	2000	2000	1.5	1.4 to 1.7	√ Yes
Bromate	ppb	By-products of drinking water disinfection	0	10	0.2	ND to 5	√ Yes
Fluoride	ppm	Water additive that promotes strong teeth	4	4	0.7	0.6 to 0.8	√ Yes
Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	By-products of drinking water chlorination	NA	80	Average = 55 Range = 28.2 to 80.0		
Haloacetic Acids (5)	ppb	By-products of drinking water chlorination	NA	60	Average = 34 Range = 19.9 to 44.0		
Chlorine (WD20)	ppm	Additive used to control microbes	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	Average = 1.3 Range = 0.2 to 1.7		

DEFINITIONS

MCLG: (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) 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.

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

MRDL: (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level) 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.

MRDLG: (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal) The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

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

NTU: (Nephelometric Turbidity Unit) Turbidity is a measure of how clear the water looks. The turbidity MCL that applied to the Cedar supply in 2020 is 5 NTU.

NA: Not applicable

ND: Not detected

ppm: 1 part per million = 1 mg/L = 1 milligram per liter

ppb: 1 part per billion = 1 ug/L = 1 microgram per liter

1 ppm : 1,000 ppb

About your drinking water....

The EPA sets drinking water quality standards and establishes testing methods and monitoring requirements for water utilities. The EPA sets maximum levels for water contaminants and requires utilities to give public notice whenever a violation occurs. The contaminants that might be expected to occur in water include biological contaminants such as virus and bacteria, inorganic contaminants such as salts and minerals, organic contaminants such as by-products of the water disinfection process, pesticides and herbicides, and radioactive contaminants from natural or man-made deposits.

Your drinking water was monitored 365 days a year and was tested for over 100 compounds. The tests are done before and after treatment and while your water is in the distribution system. The tables on the adjacent page show the detected contaminants and compares them to the limits and goals set by the EPA and Washington State Department of Health to ensure your tap water is safe. Please note that your water falls safely within state and federal guidelines for each and every contaminant, significantly below the EPA's levels.

Not listed are the over 100 other contaminants that were tested for, but not detected, in your drinking water. If you would like a list of the other compounds, please call Seattle Public Utilities at **(206) 615-0827**.

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, and 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/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline:

(800) 426-4791.



Chester Morse Lake in the Cedar River Watershed



District and Regional Goals

In 2020, Water District 20 purchased 890 million gallons (1,190,361 ccf) of water from Seattle Public Utilities and had a distribution system leakage (DSL) rate of 4.4% (39,400,900 gallons). The Saving Water Partnership (SWP), which is made up of Water District 20 and its 17 water utility partners, adopted the Regional Conservation Water Use Efficiency Goal of keeping the total average annual retail water use of SWP members under 110 mgd through 2028. In order to meet the goal, the amount of water used per person will need to decrease to offset growth. In 2020, the Saving Water Partnership met the goal using 91.2 mgd.

Within WD20, 15 single family residences replaced 21 toilets using the \$100 rebate for the Premium 1.1 gpf (or less) toilets.

Due to COVID-19 Water District 20 did not participate in the Burien Farmers Market in 2020.

Visit the Saving Water Partnership website at savingwater.org to learn more about reducing water usage at your home or business. When we work together to save water, it makes a big difference. Thanks to conservation efforts, our region uses the same amount of water today that it did in the 1950's.

The following services are available:

Water Conservation Hotline
206-684-7283

Regional Garden Hotline 206-633-0224 or email help@gardenhotline.org

Take home items such as toilet leak detection kits and hose washers

Technical assistance to residential and commercial customers on irrigation efficiency issues

Technical assistance to commercial customers on indoor efficiency issues

Regional Language Line offering language interpretation by phone

2018 Lead and Copper Testing Results

Parameter/Units	MCLG	Action Level*	Results of 2018 Samplings	Homes Exceeding Action Level	Source
Lead, ppb	0	15	1.6	0 of 50	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. These sample were collected in homes within the Cedar River service area.
Copper, ppm	1.3	1.3	0.07	0 of 50	

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

*90th percentile: 90 percent of the samples were less than the values shown.

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. King County Water District No. 20 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>.



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The Board of Commissioners meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM. The meetings are held at the District office located at 12606 First Avenue S, Burien, WA 98168. For information, contact the District at (206) 243-3990 or info@kcwd20.com.

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate it for you, or speak with someone who understands it.

Este informe contiene informacion importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted or hable con alguien que lo entienda.

Báo cáo này chứa thông tin quan trọng về nước uống của bạn. Có ai đó dịch nó cho bạn, hoặc nói chuyện với ai đó hiểu nó.

BILLING INFORMATION

All connections to the water system are charged a Fixed Charge based on the size of the meter. Water is billed using bi-monthly meter readings and is separate from the Fixed Charge. Consumption is billed by "ccf". 1ccf = 100 cubic feet, which is equivalent to 748 gallons. The 2021 billing rates are as follows:

0 to 10 ccf is billed at \$2.57 per ccf
11 to 30 ccf is billed at \$3.30 per ccf
31 ccf and above is billed at \$4.20 per ccf

Options for making payments are:

- 1) by phone with credit/debit card
- 2) Electronic Funds Transfer (automatic withdrawal from bank account)
Enrollment form available on our website or contact office to have mailed or e-mailed
- 3) *online at <https://kcwd20.com> with credit/debit card
***PLEASE NOTE: WATER DISTRICT 20 DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE TO PAY ONLINE—BE SURE YOU ARE ON OUR WEBSITE**
- 4) in person with cash, check, money order or credit/debit card

Please contact the office during business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM if you have any questions regarding your bill and payment options. 206-243-3990