

City of Downey's Drinking Water Report  
2014 Sampling Results

**We provide quality drinking water that meets all federal and state requirements.**

During recent years we have sampled for many different chemicals and have found very little contamination. Contamination is anything other than pure water. We sample total coliform bacteria as an indicator of microorganisms (bacteria, viruses and other small creatures) that should not be present. The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the past calendar year or in our most recent tests as noted. 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 a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling (208) 897-5342 or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). EPA's website is [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater).

**Terms and abbreviations**

**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.

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

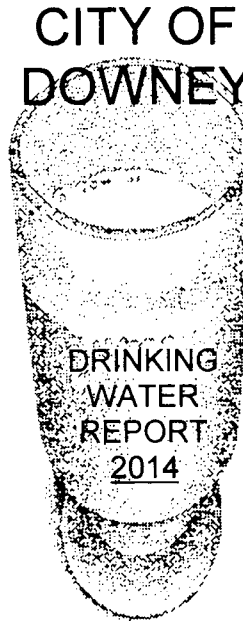
**na:** not applicable **nd:** not detectable at testing limit **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter

**ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter **pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

Regulated	MCLG	MCL	Our Water	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	1.46	8-19-14	No	Runoff from fertilizer
Lead (ppb)	0	15AL	5	2012	No	Corrosive water & home plumbing
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3AL	0.068	2012	No	Corrosive water & home plumbing
Arsenic (ppb)	na	10	1.26	7-10-12	No	Natural deposits, orchards, glass & electronic production wastes
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	na	80	1.3	8-19-14	No	Disinfection byproducts

**WE HAD NO VIOLATIONS!**

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This is our annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on your drinking water system. The most recently required sampling results have been gathered to inform customers about their tap water. With this information, we hope you will learn more about your water and will help protect the water for future use.

**Sources of drinking water:** both tap water and bottled water originate as "surface water" from rivers and lakes or as "ground water" from springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. Water picks up wastes from both human and animal activities. Surface water is usually filtered and disinfected to remove bacteria, viruses, and protozoa. Ground water is usually filtered naturally.

**Contaminants that may be present include:**

**Microbial** contaminants such as bacteria, viruses, and protozoa are very small living creatures that may be natural and harmless or harmful if originating from septic systems, agricultural livestock operations or wildlife.

**Inorganic** contaminants such as heavy metals can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges.

**Pesticides and herbicides** may come from agriculture and residential uses.

**Radioactive** contaminants are naturally occurring

**Organic chemical** contaminants are usually man-made (synthetic) and vaporize easily (volatile). Petroleum products and degreasers are examples of gas station and dry cleaner waste transported by storm water and sewers.

**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 on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Crypto sporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).



**EPA ensures that tap water is safe to drink** by writing regulations that limits both natural and man made contaminants. We follow both state and federal regulations. Interstate bottled water is regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.



**Your drinking water comes from ground water.** We get our water from both Canyon Springs and Well #1. We did special tests on Canyon Springs that confirmed it is ground water and not influenced by surface water.

**SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT**

The State of Idaho has completed this assessment plan which includes a map of where the water comes from, possible sources of contamination, and a review of the susceptibility of the source for contamination. This plan is available for public review.

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**CITY HALL**

**HEALTH TIP**

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. Our 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 & steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.



If you have any questions  
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