

**Some or all of these definitions may be found in this report:**

**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 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 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.

**Below Detection Levels (BDL)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Not Applicable (N/A)** - does not apply.

**Parts per million (ppm)** - or milligrams per liter, (mg/l). One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb)** - or micrograms per liter, ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ). One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per trillion (ppt)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq)** - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)** - a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

**Variations & Exemptions (V&E)** - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

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

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

Spanish (Español) Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## *Columbia/Adair Utilities* *Water Quality Report* *2025*

For previous reports include year.

Example: tapwaterinfo.com/2024/columbia-adair



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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 may be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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 may 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, (sewage plants, septic systems, livestock operations, or wildlife). Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, (naturally occurring or from stormwater runoff, wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming). Pesticides and herbicides, (stormwater runoff, agriculture or residential uses). Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, (by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, or from gas stations, stormwater runoff, or septic systems). Radioactive contaminants, (naturally occurring or from oil and gas production or mining activities). In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water to provide the same protection for public health

**Source Information:**

Most of the water for our system is treated by Columbia/Adair Utilities which has a source of Green River Reservoir. Some water is purchased from Campbellsville to serve the Eastridge Cemetery Road. Campbellsville treats water from Green River Reservoir and City Lake in Taylor County. Water purchased from Jamestown serves the Glensfork area and that water comes from Lake Cumberland. All of these water sources come from surface water. Each water system has completed a Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) to determine the susceptibility to contamination. The analysis of the susceptibility for all sources indicates that the potential for contamination is generally low. However, each assessment had areas of high concern including row crops, roads, bridges and culverts, forestland, pastureland, and KPDES permitted discharges. The release of contaminants through accidental spills could have an immediate impact on source water quality. The complete Source Water Assessment Plans are available for review at the respective water systems during normal business hours and are also available at the Area Development District offices.

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 Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### **Information about Lead:**

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. Your local water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact your local water system. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### **Service Line Inventory Information:**

To address lead in drinking water, EPA requires that all community water systems develop and maintain an inventory of service line materials. We have completed a service line inventory (SLI) and it is available for review at our office.

### **Lead Sample Results Availability Information:**

We are required to periodically sample water from customer taps to determine lead and copper levels. EPA sets the lead action level at 0.015 mg/L (15 ppb). For a water system to be in compliance, at least 90% of tap water samples must have lead levels below this limit. This report contains the 90th percentile and range of our most recent sampling. The individual results for each location sampled can be reviewed at our office.

We are only required to test for some contaminants periodically, so the results listed in this report may not be from the previous year. Only detected contaminants are included in this report. For a list of all contaminants we test for please contact us. Copies of this report are available upon request by contacting our office.

Regulated Contaminant Test Results								Columbia/Adair Utilities District							
Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Report Level	Range of Detection		Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination							
Barium [1010] (ppm)	2	2	0.017	0.017	to 0.017	Mar-25	No	Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits							
Fluoride [1025] (ppm)	4	4	0.80	0.8	to 0.8	Mar-25	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth							
Nitrate [1040] (ppm)	10	10	0.7	0.7	to 0.7	Mar-25	No	Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits							
Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors															
Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (measured as ppm, but reported as a ratio)	TT*	N/A	1.26 (lowest average)	1.07	to 1.77 (monthly ratios)	2025	No	Naturally present in environment.							
*Monthly ratio is the % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required. Annual average must be 1.00 or greater for compliance.															
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	1.48 (highest average)	0.56	to 2.49	2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes.							
HAA (ppb) (Stage 2) [Haloacetic acids]	60	N/A	33 (high site average)	14	to 48 (range of individual sites)	2025	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection							
TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2) [total trihalomethanes]	80	N/A	46 (high site average)	16.7	to 48.4 (range of individual sites)	2025	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.							
Household Plumbing Contaminants															
Copper (ppm) Round 1 sites exceeding action level 0	AL = 1.3	1.3	0.115 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	0.007	to 0.121	Jul-23	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems							
Other Constituents															
Turbidity (NTU) TT * Representative samples	Allowable Levels		Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly %	Violation	Likely Source of Turbidity									
Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of the water and not a contaminant.	No more than 1 NTU* Less than 0.3 NTU in 95% of monthly samples		0.09	100	No	Soil runoff									
Fluoride (added for dental health)	Average		Range of Detection												
	0.8		0.66 to 0.97												

Regulated Contaminant Test Results								Campbellsville Water and Sewer System							
Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Report Level	Range of Detection		Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination							
Barium [1010] (ppm)	2	2	0.016	0.016	to 0.016	Mar-25	No	Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits							
Fluoride [1025] (ppm)	4	4	0.69	0.69	to 0.69	Mar-25	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth							
Nitrate [1040] (ppm)	10	10	0.8	0.8	to 0.8	Mar-25	No	Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits							
Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors															
Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (measured as ppm, but reported as a ratio)	TT*	N/A	1.2 (lowest average)	1.00	to 2.33 (monthly ratios)	2025	No	Naturally present in environment.							
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Violation 2026-24

A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

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 exists 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.

During the past year we were required to conduct one Level 1 assessment. One Level 1 assessment was completed. In addition, we were required to take no corrective actions and we completed no actions.

During the past year we failed to conduct all of the required assessment(s).

On September 26, 2025 we had two bacteriological samples that tested positive for coliform bacteria. We collected follow-up samples and no additional bacteria was found. We were required to conduct an assessment to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found. We performed a Level 1 Assessment on October 2, 2025 and was not able to determine the cause of the positive samples. However, we failed to submit the assessment electronically to the Kentucky Division of Water by October 26, 2025 and they did not receive a copy during the required time period. This resulted in a violation. A public notice has been distributed for this violation. We are taking steps to assure documents are submitted properly.