



2023

We're pleased to present to you the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the period of January 1, to December 31, 2023. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services we deliver to you every day. Our highest priority is to provide you with the safest and most dependable supply of drinking water possible by continuously maintaining and improving our distribution system. Our water sources have been determined to be from groundwater sources. Our water sources are Two Mile Spring, Well #1, Dan's Well, P3 Well, Well 4B, Well 4R, South Ridge Well #1, Ankareh Well, Parley Well, Partner Well, and Woodward Well. We also have consecutive connections with other water companies in the area, however they are for emergency use and were not used in 2023.

The Drinking Water Source Protection Plan for Gorgoza Mutual Water Company is available for your review. It contains information about source protection zones, potential contamination sources and management strategies to protect our drinking water. Our sources have been determined to have a low level of susceptibility from potential contamination. We have also developed management strategies to further protect our sources from contamination. Please remember that you live, work, and play in the recharge area of your drinking water. Use, store, and dispose of all chemicals you use in accordance with the manufacturer's direction. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns about our source protection plan.

There are many connections within our water system. When connections are properly installed and maintained, the concerns are very minimal. However, unapproved connections and improper plumbing changes can adversely affect not only the availability, but also the quality of the water. A cross connection may let polluted water, fertilizer, or other chemicals to contaminate the water supply system when not properly protected. Not only can this affect your health, but it can also damage plumbing and appliances within your property. This not only compromises the water quality, but can also affect your health.

So, what can you do? Do not make or allow improper connections at your homes. Even that unprotected garden hose lying in the puddle next to the driveway is a cross connection. The unprotected lawn sprinkler system after you have fertilized or sprayed is also a cross connection. When the cross connection is allowed to exist at your home, it will affect you and your family first. If you'd like to learn more about helping to protect the quality of our water, call us for further information about ways you can help.

This report shows our water quality and what it means to you, our customer.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Shelly Roybal at 435-649-7948. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, please contact our office.

Gorgoza Mutual Water Company routinely monitors for constituents in our drinking water in accordance with the Federal and Utah State laws. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2023. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In the following table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**ND/Low - High** - For water systems that have multiple sources of water, the Utah Division of Drinking Water has given water systems the option of listing the test results of the constituents in one table, instead of multiple tables. To accomplish this, the lowest and highest values detected in the multiple sources are recorded in the same space in the report table.

**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 (ug/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) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)** - 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) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)** - 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)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water. Millirems per year (mrem/yr) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

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

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

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

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

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is 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 "Goal"(MCLG) is 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.

**Date** - Because of required sampling time frames i.e. yearly, 3 years, 4 years and 6 years, sampling dates may seem outdated.

**Waivers (W)** - Because some chemicals are not used or stored in areas around drinking water sources, some water systems have been given waivers that exempt them from having to take certain chemical samples, these waivers are also tied to Drinking Water Source Protection Plans.

TEST RESULTS							
	Violation Y/N	Level Detected ND/ Low-high	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Date Sampled	Likely source of contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>							
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	0	N/A	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	2023	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal coliform and <i>E.coli</i>	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	If a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i> positive	2023	Human and animal fecal waste
Turbidity for Ground Water	N	0.06-3.7	NTU	0	5	2021, 2022	Soil runoff
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Arsenic	N	0-1.5	ppb	0	10	2019, 2021, 2022	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	N	0.023-0.433	ppm	2	2	2019, 2021, 2022	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper a. 90% results b. # of sites that exceeded the AL	N	a. 0.022 b. 0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	2022	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems;
Cyanide	N	0-5.7	ppm	200	200	2019, 2021, 2022	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride	N	0-0.214	ppm	4	4	2019, 2021, 2022	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Lead a. 90% results b. # of sites that exceeded the AL	N	a. 4.9 b. 0	ppb	0	AL=15	2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	0-1.282	ppm	10	10	2023	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	N	0-1.2	ppb	50	50	2019, 2021, 2022	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium	N	6.447-131.867	ppm	500	None set by EPA	2019, 2021, 2022	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills.
Sulfate	N	1.09-361.545	ppm	1000	1000	2019, 2021, 2022	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills, runoff from cropland
TDS (Total Dissolved Solids)	N	160-1264*	ppm	2000	2000	2019, 2021, 2022	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>							
Alpha emitters	N	0-7	pCi/L	0	15	2019, 2021, 2022	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226	N	0.02	pCi/L	0	5	2022	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228	N	-0.74-1.7	pCi/L	0	5	2019, 2021, 2022	Erosion of natural deposits

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. Gorgoza Mutual Water Company 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 <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or manmade. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials.

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

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink two 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.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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 from their health care providers about drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We at Gorgoza Mutual Water Company work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

### Help Us Serve You Better

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- 1) Please remember that spring run-off and storm drainage is very challenging in our mountain community. It's your responsibility to ensure there is proper drainage on your property and that ditches and culverts on or in front of your property are kept clear of debris and flowing. A plugged culvert can divert water down a driveway and into a garage or basement and cause significant property damage. Gorgoza Mutual Water Company is not negligent in the case of unknown water leaks or mainline breaks, and our insurance will not cover damage to homes, personal property or landscaping under these circumstances. Please contact Summit County if you have questions relating to public right of ways, culverts or ditches that border residential properties. If you have further questions, please contact Gorgoza Water with any questions or concerns you may have about culvert or property drainage.
- 2) Residential homes in Pinebrook have a pressure reducing valve (PRV) that maintains consistent water pressure to protect your home's plumbing. There are significant pressure differences in Pinebrook due to the topography of the land and variances in elevation. Your PRV must be set properly and maintained, preferably by a reputable plumber, to ensure the water pressure in your home is at safe and satisfactory levels for you, your fixtures and appliances.
- 3) Backflow note: the State of Utah is requiring ALL residential and commercial irrigation systems to be upgraded with new backflow prevention assemblies to prevent the reversal flow of contaminated water into the main water supply and maintain the integrity of the water system. Additional information regarding timelines and installation procedures will be readily available to all shareholders soon and will be posted on our website. If you are planning on irrigation improvements this year and would like to include this required backflow assembly please contact Gorgoza Water.
- 4) Help us get the lead out. Most of us know that exposure to lead water pipes can lead to adverse health effects. To ensure water safety, the EPA and the State of Utah are requiring water systems to develop a public lead service line inventory and create a plan for identifying and mitigating lead service lines.

Gorgoza Mutual Water Company has a high degree of certainty that there are few, if any, lead water lines in our service area. But we can't be sure without verifying inside the home or structure. We need shareholders to identify their water service pipe material. The process is quick and easy. We appreciate your help in this water quality effort. Visit [gorgozawater.com/water-line-survey](http://gorgozawater.com/water-line-survey) or scan this code with your mobile phone:

