



Reporting Year 2024

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Our Commitment

We are pleased to present to you this year's annual water quality report. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality covering all testing performed between January 1 and December 31, 2024. Included are details about your source of water, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water and providing you with this information because informed customers are our best allies.

Information About Source Water

The City of Kaufman purchases water from North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) and Wylie Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Wylie WTP provides purchased surface water from Lake Lavon in Collin County. The water is delivered to our ground storage tanks and from there to customers through the city's distribution system. The NTMWD receives raw water from Lake Lavon for treatment at the Wylie WTP. For detailed information on our water sources, treatment processes, and more, please visit the NTMWD website at ntmwd.com.

Important Health Information

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as *cryptosporidium*, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised persons, such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons who have undergone organ transplants, those who are undergoing treatment with steroids, and people with HIV/AIDS or other

people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health-care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.



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Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, or wildlife. Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or may result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial wastewater discharge, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses. Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and which may also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems. Radionactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily caused for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office at (972) 962-8007. For more information about of drinking water, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. These regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may contain some contaminants that are not necessary but that pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and their risks can be obtained by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791. 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 can acquire natural byproducts of the land or chemicals from human activities such as fertilizers and insecticides. In some cases, radioactive minerals are naturally occurring in the ground. In other cases, they are the result of human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: radioactive materials or minerals, organic chemicals, and bacteria.

What are PFAS?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of manufactured chemicals used worldwide since the 1950s to make fluoropolymer coatings and products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water. During production and use, PFAS can migrate into the soil, water, and air. Most PFAS do not break down; they remain in the environment, ultimately finding their way into drinking water. Because of their widespread use and their persistence in the environment, PFAS are found all over the world at low levels. Some PFAS can build up in people and animals with repeated exposure over time.

The most commonly studied PFAS are perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). PFOA and PFOS have been phased out of production and use in the United States, but other countries may still manufacture and use them.

Some products that may contain PFAS include:

- Some grease-resistant paper, fast food containers/ wrappers, microwave popcorn bags, pizza boxes
- Nonstick cookware
- Stain-resistant coatings used on carpets, upholstery, and other fabrics
- Water-resistant clothing
- Personal care products (shampoo, dental floss) and cosmetics (nail polish, eye makeup)
- Cleaning products
- Paints, varnishes, and sealants

Even though recent efforts to remove PFAS have reduced the likelihood of exposure, some products may still contain them. If you have questions or concerns about products you use in your home, contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission at (800) 638-2772. For a more detailed discussion on PFAS, please visit <http://bit.ly/3Z5AMm8>.

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding this report, or any questions relating to your drinking water, please contact Director of Public Works Tim Hopwood at (972) 962-8007.

Water Loss Audit

If you have any questions about the water loss audit, please call (972)-962-8007.

