

## 2023 WATER QUALITY DATA **RESULTS**

### **PESHASTIN WATER SYSTEM**

**PWS ID 67050X** 

SUBSTANCE	HIGHEST LEVEL ALLOWED (mcl, al, smcl)	HIGHEST LEVEL DETECTED	VIOLATION (YES / NO)	POTENTIAL SOURCES
REGULATED AT THE PUMPH	IOUSE		·	
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (mcl)	0.19	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10 (mcl)	4.01	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppb)	10 (mcl)	1.6	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards
Conductivity (umhos/cm 25 deg.)	700 (smcl)	397	No	Presence of ions; on their total concentration, mobility and on the temperature of measurement
Total Dissolved Solid (ppm)	500 (smcl)	214	No	Matter suspended or dissolved in water
Hardness (mg/l)	Not Regulated	177	Not Regulated	High concentration of calcium and magnesium ions.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	80 (mcl)	1.80	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic (HAA5) (ppb)	60 (mcl)	1.26	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
REGULATED AT THE CUSTOMER'S TAP				
Copper (ppm)	1.3 (al)	0.934	No	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood and corrosion of household plumbing
Lead (ppb)	15 (al)	1	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

**CONTAMINANTS THAT MAY BE** PRESENT IN THE **WATER BEFORE WE TREAT IT INCLUDE:** 

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



### **TERMS YOU MAY SEE INSIDE:**

Maximum Contaminant Level (mcl): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

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

ppm or mg/l: parts of contaminant per million parts of water or milligrams per liter.

ppb: parts of contaminant per billion parts of water or micrograms

pCi/I: measure of radioactivity expressed as one-trillionth of a curie per liter of water.

<(0.001): Means LESS than a number. It also indicates that the compound was not detected in the sample at or above the concentration indicated.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (smcl): These standards are developed to protect the aesthetic qualities of water and are not health based.

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# Parts per million (ppm):

3 drops in 42 gallons 1 second in 12 days 1 penny in \$10,000 1 inch in 16 miles

#### Parts per billion (ppb):

1 drop in 14,000 gallons 1 second in 32 years 1 penny in \$10,000,000 1 inch in 16,000 miles

#### **PESHASTIN**

#### **WATER QUALITY DATA RESULTS**

This report describes the quality of Peshastin's drinking water, the source, and the programs that protect our water quality. This publication complies with the federal law that requires water utilities to provide water quality information to customers every vear. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems, and the table on the back page lists the contaminants that were found in Peshastin's water system.

Safe drinking water is essential to our community. Providing safe drinking water is a complex business. The PUD's Water Department tests your water regularly through a certified laboratory. State and federal regulators routinely monitor our compliance and testing protocols to ensure the delivery of safe drinking water to our customers. In the last three years, the water department has conducted more than 200 tests for over 500 drinking water contaminants. Only 10 contaminants were detected (see back) and none exceeded levels allowed by the state. The District's water department meets all state and federal standards and has no violations of water quality standards for this water system.

#### LEAD

In Washington State, lead in drinking water comes primarily from materials and components used in household plumbing. The more time water has been sitting in pipes, the more dissolved metals, such as lead, it may contain. Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children. To help

reduce potential exposure to lead: for any drinking water tap that has not been used for 6 hours or more, flush water through the tap until the water is noticeably colder before using for drinking or cooking. You

can use the flushed water for watering plants, washing dishes, or general cleaning. Only use water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water is available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or online at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.



# PESHASTIN WATER SYSTEM

#### WHERE DOES YOUR WATER COME FROM?

The Peshastin water system is a groundwater source with three wells. Well One and Three are located on the north end of Bluebird property and Well Two is located on the northeast corner of Peshastin-Dryden Elementary School parking lot. The wells

pump water to three concrete reservoirs located above High Street with a combined volume of 671,000 gallons. Water usage totals approximately 50 million gallons annually.



The Peshastin system updated its water use efficiency program in 2022 and adopted a goal to encourage conservation. The goal set for the Peshastin system is to reduce the average day demand per capita by 1 percent over the next 10 years (2020 to 2030.) Then, reduce the average day demand per capita by an additional 1 percent by the end of the planning period (2040.) The 2019 demand was 71.4 gallons per capita. The year 2023 demand was 71 gallons per capita. The system is on track to achieve the goal by the year 2030.

The District has implemented several water use efficiency measures to support achieving conservation goals. These include programs such as Xeriscape (drought-tolerant) landscaping and customer leak detection and notification. A complete description of water use efficiency measures and water rates is available on the District's website at www.chelanpud.org.

# BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND HAZARDS AT HOME

Chelan County PUD works hard to protect your drinking water from contamination. This effort begins where your water is collected and continues through the entire distribution process.

How many times have you put a garden hose in a bucket of soapy water to wash the car, sprayed insecticide with a garden hose sprayer, or attached a hand sprayer to the kitchen faucet to wash your hair or the dog? These seemingly harmless actions create cross connections that could endanger the health and safety of you, your family and your neighbors.

The danger comes when the hose comes in contact with a harmful substance. If the pressure in the water main drops while the hose is submerged in contaminated water, then the water (and whatever is in it) could be siphoned back into your pipes and the drinking water supply.

Water pressure drops are not uncommon. They can occur when hydrants are opened to fight fires or during repairs to a broken water main. Fortunately, you can install different types of backflow assemblies for protection. This will help prevent backflow from happening and keep your water safe from contaminants. Contact the water department for more information.

#### **HOW HARD IS YOUR WATER?**

Hard water has a high concentration of calcium and magnesium ions. These minerals are commonly present in all natural water sources. Water is considered hard if the hardness is greater than 7 grains per gallon. Some people soften their water as a personal preference but water does not have to be softened to make it safe or usable. Peshastin water hardness is 138 mg/l or 8.07 grains per gallon.

#### MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain 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 contacting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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.

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Sign up for email notification and view your water quality report online. To sign up for e-delivery or view current reports, go to chelanpud.org/water-quality.html.

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 (1-800-426-4791) or EPA's website at www.epa.gov/safewater.

The Washington Department of Health has complied Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) data for all community PWSs in Washington. SWAP data can be viewed online at https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/SourceWaterProtection/Assessment.aspx

#### **CUSTOMER VIEWS WELCOME**

Chelan County PUD commissioners meet at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Monday at the PUD Headquarters building. These meetings are open to the public.

If you have questions or comments about the information in this report, please call Chelan County PUD's Water Department at 509-661-4254. We welcome your interest in the PUD's water system.

