

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT



2023

BLACK ROCK UTILITIES

AT A GLANCE

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THIS REPORT

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

(Español - Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber; traduscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien)

WHERE DOES YOUR WATER COME FROM

The Black Rock Utilities water system is located in the southwest portion of Kootenai County along the western shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene and approximately ten air miles south and west of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The system is a community water system utilizing three (3) wells as its source of water - Well #4, Well #8, and Well #9. All three wells are located near the southeast end of the Black Rock/CDA National development.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENTS

Source Water Assessment Summary - Well #4:

[http://www2.deq.idaho.gov/water/swaOnline/SusceptibilitySummaryWells?
PwsId=ID1280290&SourceTagNumber=E0009236](http://www2.deq.idaho.gov/water/swaOnline/SusceptibilitySummaryWells?PwsId=ID1280290&SourceTagNumber=E0009236)

Source Water Assessment Summary - Well #8:

[http://www2.deq.idaho.gov/water/swaOnline/SusceptibilitySummaryWells?
PwsId=ID1280290&SourceTagNumber=E0009237](http://www2.deq.idaho.gov/water/swaOnline/SusceptibilitySummaryWells?PwsId=ID1280290&SourceTagNumber=E0009237)

Source Water Assessment Summary - Well #9:

[http://www2.deq.idaho.gov/water/swaOnline/SusceptibilitySummaryWells?
PwsId=ID1280290&SourceTagNumber=E0009238](http://www2.deq.idaho.gov/water/swaOnline/SusceptibilitySummaryWells?PwsId=ID1280290&SourceTagNumber=E0009238)

WHAT TO EXPECT

CONTAMINANTS IN DRINKING WATER

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 can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (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 dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that 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 stormwater 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 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 can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and 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. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

NOTE

WHETHER TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

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/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL

The purpose of this note is to determine whether a cross-connection may exist at your home or business. A cross connection is an unprotected or improper connection to a public water distribution system that may cause contamination or pollution to enter the system. We are responsible for enforcing cross-connection control regulations and insuring that no contaminants can, under any flow conditions, enter the distribution system.

If you have any of the devices listed below please contact us so that we can discuss the issue, and if needed, survey your connection and assist you in isolating it if that is necessary.

- Boiler/ Radiant heater (water heaters not included)
- Underground lawn sprinkler system
- Pool or hot tub (whirlpool tubs not included)
- Additional source(s) of water on the property
- Decorative pond
- Watering trough

PROTECTIVE STEPS

WATER TREATMENT

Your water is treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectant to kill dangerous bacteria and microorganisms that may be in the water. Disinfection is considered to be one of the major public health advances of the 20th century.

COMMUNITY SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

WAYS TO HELP

GET INVOLVED

To get involved, contact **Richard Agueros** - Black Rock Utilities Manager, at (208) 772-7867, or **Braden Agueros** - Black Rock Utilities Manager, at (208) 772-7867.

COMMUNITY WATER CONSERVATION

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
- Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

ADDITIONAL INFO

INFORMATION FOR LEAD

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. Black Rock Utilities Inc 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 at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

INFORMATION FOR ARSENIC

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

2023 DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
ug/L	Number of micrograms of substance in one liter of water
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (g/L)
pCi/L	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
NA	not applicable
ND	not detected
NR	monitoring not required, but recommended

2023 DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - 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
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level - 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
TT	Treatment Technique - a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water
AL	Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other technique under certain conditions
Variances and Exemptions	State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal - 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
MNR	Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

2023 DATA

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect in Your Water	Low	High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
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Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products (there is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)

TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	NA	80	1.59	NA	NA	2023	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection
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Inorganic Contaminants

Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10	10	.136	NA	.126	2023	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
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Radioactive Contaminants

Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	3.22	NA	3.22	2020	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	0	5	.883	.241	.883	2020	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (ug/L)	0	30	4.64	1.29	4.64	2020	NO	Erosion of natural deposits

2023 DATA

Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Inorganic Contaminants							
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.208	2022	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	10	2022	1	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits