

2018 Water Quality Chart

The City of Independence Water Department performs over 50,000 tests each year before, during, and after treatment. In addition, further tests are conducted at independent, certified laboratories.

Regulated compounds listed below show the Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). Unregulated compounds show only the results of tests done on City of Independence water.

It is the City of Independence Water Department's pleasure to provide this information to our customers. If you have any questions about this chart, please call us at 816-325-7708.

Organic Compounds

There are a number of organic compounds that are of concern in drinking water. This group includes volatile organic compounds that vaporize easily and are called VOC's; pesticides and herbicides that run off or percolate through soil to groundwater supplies; and compounds that occur as a by-product when water is disinfected.

Organic Compounds Values in milligrams/liters (ppm)		
Compound	MCL	Independence Result
Alachlor (Alanex)	0.002	ND
Atrazine	0.003	ND
Benzene	0.005	ND
Benzo (A) pyrene	0.0002	ND
Carbofuran (Furadan)	0.04	ND
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.005	ND
Chlordane	0.002	ND
Chlorobenzene	0.1	ND
2, 4-D	0.07	ND
Dalapon	0.2	ND
Di (2-Ethylhexyl) Adipate	0.4	ND
Di (2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate	0.006	ND
1,2Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)	0.0002	ND
p-Dichlorobenzene	0.075	ND
o-Dichlorobenzene	0.6	ND
1, 2 -Dichloroethane	0.005	ND
1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.007	ND
cis-1, 2-Dichloroethylene	0.07	ND

Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.1	ND
Dichloromethane	0.005	ND
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.005	ND
Dinoseb	0.007	ND
Dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD)	0.00000003	ND
Diquat	0.02	ND
Endothall	0.1	ND
Endrin	0.002	ND
Ethybenzene	0.7	ND
Ethylene Dibromide (EDB)	0.00005	ND
Glyphosate (Rodeo, Roundup)	0.7	ND
Heptachlor	0.0004	ND
Heptachlor Epoxide	0.0002	ND
Hexachlorobenzene	0.001	ND
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05	ND
Lindane	0.0002	ND
Methoxychlor	0.04	ND
Oxamyl (Vydate)	0.2	ND
Pentachlorophenol	0.001	ND
Picloram	0.5	ND
PCBs (total)	0.0005	ND
Simazine	0.004	ND
Styrene	0.1	ND
Tetrachloroethylene	0.005	ND
Toluene	1	ND
Toxaphene	0.003	ND
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.05	ND
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.07	ND
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.2	ND
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.005	ND
Trichloroethylene	0.005	ND
Vinyl Chloride	0.002	ND
Xylenes (total)	10	ND
MCL - Maximum Contaminant Levels		
ND - None detected above quantifiable limits of current analytical method		

Microbiological Quality

Bacteria and other harmful organisms are removed by physical processes and disinfection chemicals.

Microbiological Quality		
Compound	MCL	Independence Result
Total Coliform	less than 5% positive	ND

Disinfection Byproducts and Disinfectants		
Compound	MCL	Independence Result
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	60 ppb	<11.0 ppb
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	80 ppb	2.2 ppb
Chloramines	MRDL = 4 ppm	2.09 ppm
MRDL -Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level		

Radiological Quality

Radiological quality standards are set for specific compounds and for the total radioactive element content.

Radiological Quality in Picocuries/liter unless otherwise noted		Values
Compound	MCL	Independence Result
Gross Alpha	15	0.97
Gross Beta	50	6.2
Combined Radium (226 & 228)	5	0.914
Radon 222	300	107
Uranium (in micrograms/Liter)	30	ND

Inorganic Compounds

The Environmental Protection Agency sets standards for a number of chemical compounds that can affect our health.

Inorganic Compounds in milligrams/liters		Values
Compound	MCL	Independence Result
Antimony	0.006	ND
Arsenic	0.01	ND
Asbestos	7 million fibers/L	ND
Barium	2	0.053
Beryllium	0.004	ND
Cadmium	0.005	ND
Chromium	0.1	0.001
Copper	1.3	0.00066
Cyanide	0.2	ND
Fluoride	4	0.16
Lead	0.015	ND
Mercury	0.002	ND
Nitrate + Nitrite (as N)	10	0.22
Selenium	0.05	0.00043
Thallium	0.002	ND

Additional Parameters

The Water Department tests additional substances to assess their presence in drinking water, including the following compounds.

Additional Parameters in milligrams/liters unless otherwise stated (ppm)		Values
Compound	Independence Result	
Alkalinity	58	
Aluminum	ND	
Ammonia	0.49	
Caffeine	ND	
Calcium	15.2	
Chloride	24	
Hexavalent Chromium (dissolved)	0.94	
Iron	ND	
Magnesium	16.5	
Manganese	0.00031	
MTBE	ND	
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)	ND	
Odor (T.O.N.)	1	
Total Phosphate as P	0.13	
pH (S.U.)	9.3 - 10.1	
Perchlorate	ND	
Perfluorinated Compounds	ND	
Potassium	6.6	
Silica	16	
Silver	ND	
Sodium	46	
Sulfate	140	
Sulfide	ND	
Surfactants	ND	
Total Hardness	120 ppm (7 grains/gallon)	
Total Organic Carbon	2.1	
Zinc	ND	
S.U. - Standard Unit		
T.O.N. - Threshold Odor Number		