



# 2023 Annual Water Quality Report

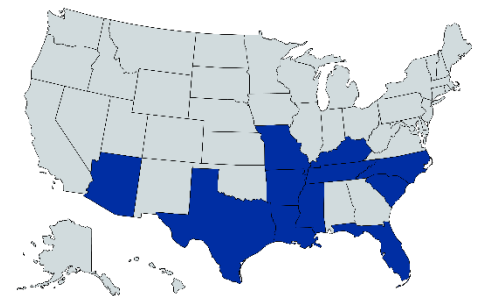
Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company  
Center Ridge Water District #2  
PWS ID KY0180509

## ATTENTION: Landlords and Apartment Owners

Please share a copy of this notice with your tenants.  
It includes important information about their  
drinking water quality.



**BLUEGRASS WATER**  
Utility Operating Company  
A CSWR Managed Utility



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## What is a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)?

We proudly present our Annual Water Quality Report, also referred to as a CCR. CCRs provide customers with important information regarding the quality of their drinking water. They let customers know what contaminants, if any, were detected in their drinking water, as well as associated potential health effects. We are pleased to report the results of the laboratory testing of your drinking water during the calendar year of 2023. For your information, we have compiled a list of tables showing the testing of your drinking water during 2023.

## Our Mission

Central States Water Resources is working to bring safe, reliable, and environmentally responsible water resources to every community in the U.S.

## Our Vision

Central States Water Resources (CSWR) is transforming how water utilities work by using technology and innovation to quickly assess and invest in reliable infrastructure that meets or exceeds stringent state and federal safety standards, ensuring all communities across the U.S. have access to safe, clean and reliable water resources while protecting the aquifers, lakes, rivers and streams that are essential to our world.

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. If you would like a paper copy of the 2023 Report mailed to your home, please call 1-866-752-8982

Este informe contiene información importante sobre el origen y la calidad de su agua potable. Si desea recibir una copia por escrito del informe anual de la calidad del agua del 2023, llame al número de teléfono 1-866-752-8982



# About Your Drinking Water Supply

## WHERE YOUR WATER COMES FROM

**Water Source:** Groundwater

**Source Water Assessment:**

There are a total of twenty-seven potential sources of contamination within the Center Ridge Water System's wellhead protection area. All the potential sources have been identified as septic systems and are ranked as having a medium risk to contamination of the aquifer. The aquifer has been determined to have a medium risk ranking.

**Disinfection Treatment:**

The water supplied to you is treated with Chlorine to maintain water quality in the distribution system.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

# Definition of Terms

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

**Action Level Goal (ALG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk of health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Average (Avg):** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** 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 Contaminant Level (MCL):** 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 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.

**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.

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

**NA:** Not Applicable

**Parts per billion (ppb):** One part substance per billion parts water or microgram per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ).

**Parts per million (ppm):** One part substance per million parts water or milligram per liter ( $\text{mg/L}$ ).

**Millirems per Year (MREM):** A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Level 1 Assessment:** A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

**Level 2 Assessment:** A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

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.

## Contaminants That May be Present in Source Water:

Microbes	such as viruses and bacteria may come which may occur through sewage treatment plants, domesticated animals, or wildlife.
Inorganic Chemicals	such as toxic heavy metals and salts, which come from urban stormwater runoff, industrial waste discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
Pesticides & Herbicides	which may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural or stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
Organic Chemicals	including synthetic or volatile organic human-made compounds, such as dry-cleaning solvents, may occur due to disposal of untreated waste into septic systems or stormwater runoff.
Radioactive Contaminants	which can be naturally occurring or man-made may occur through weathering rock, mining, and runoff.

## Special Health Information:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Those who are undergoing chemotherapy or living with HIV/AIDs, transplants, children and infants, elderly, and pregnant women can be at particular risk for infections. If you have special health care needs, please consider taking additional precautions with your drinking water and seek advice from a health care provider. For more information visit [www.epa.gov/safewater/healthcare/special.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/healthcare/special.html).



The following page will display the results of your water quality

- Central States Water Resources and our Utility Operating Companies conduct extensive monitoring to determine if your water meets all water quality standards. The detections of our monitoring are reported in the following tables.
- Some unregulated substances are measured, but MCLs have not been established by the government. These contaminants are shown for your information.
- Regulated contaminants not listed in this table, were not found in the treated water supply.



# Water Quality Results

2023 Water Quality Test Results							
Microbiological	Violation Y or N	Total Coliform MCL	Highest No. of Positive Samples	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli MCL	Total # of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Coliform Bacteria	N	0	1		1 positive monthly sample	0	Naturally present in the environment.
Lead and Copper	AL Exceeded (Y/N)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Number of Samples Exceeds AL	AL	ALG	Sample Date (mo/yr)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	N	0.016	0	1.3	1.3	2023	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead (ppb)	N	6.4	0	15	0	7/20/2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Violation Y or N	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCL	MCLG	Sample Date (mo/yr)	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	N	0.9	0.8-0.9	4	4	2023	Water additive used to control microbes.
Inorganic Contaminants	Violation Y or N	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCL	MCLG	Date Sampled	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate [measured as nitrogen] (ppm)	N	1	0.18-0.53	10	10	2023	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

## Health Language:

**Nitrate** in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six month of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause "blue baby syndrome." Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, and detected nitrate levels are above 5 ppm, you should ask advice from your health care provider.



Center Ridge Water District #2 reported no violations in 2023.



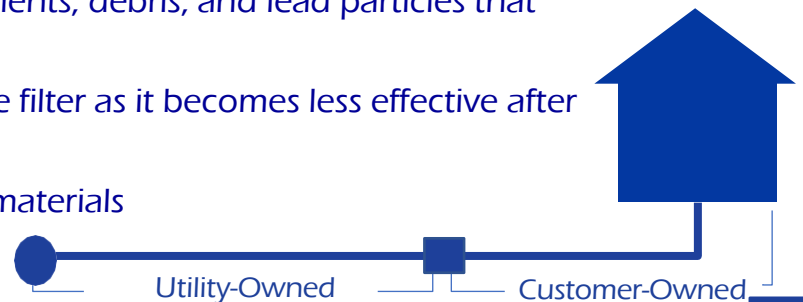
# Lead

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. Bluegrass Water is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from Lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water.

If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Bluegrass Water at 1-866-752-8982. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps to take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## Reduce Your Exposure

1. **Flush your home's pipes** by running the tap before drinking the water. Residents should contact their water utility for recommendations about flushing times in their community.
2. **Use Cold water** only for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead.
3. **Clean your aerator** (screen of faucet) regularly to remove sediments, debris, and lead particles that naturally collect over time.
4. **Use a filter** that is certified to remove lead. Regularly replace the filter as it becomes less effective after expiration. Do not run hot water through the filter.
5. **Have a licensed plumber check your plumbing** for lead-based materials

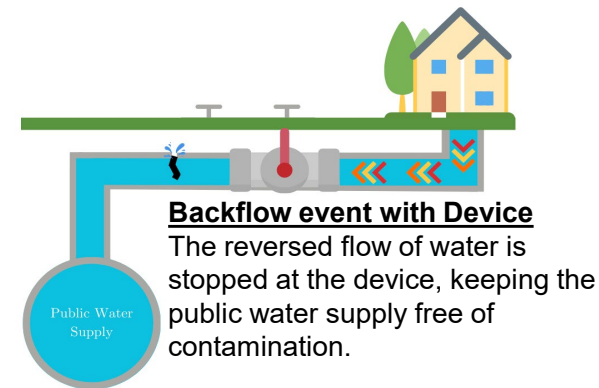
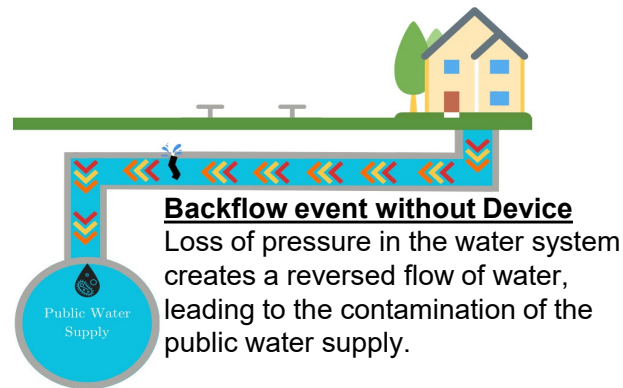
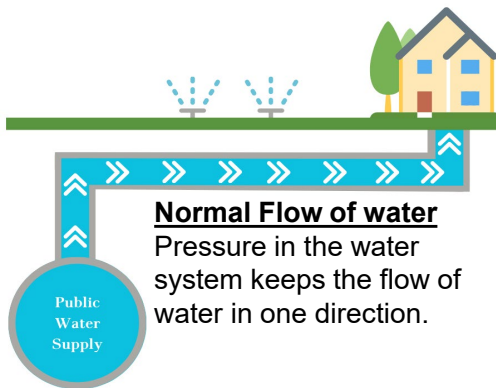


# Backflow Prevention

Backflow is the unwanted reversal of flow from a customer to the water supply. This is caused by a loss of pressure in the water supply line or an increase in pressure on the customer side. Common situations where backflow occurs are water main breaks or firefighting events. These events create low pressure in the distribution system. Backpressure can cause backflow when the pressure in a building exceeds the pressure in the water supply line, causing liquid from the customer's line to move into the water supply. Backflow Prevention Devices are designed to restrict the flow of water to one direction.

## Cross Connection

Cross-connections are links between a customer and the drinking water supply lines. Cross-Connections may contaminate the drinking water supply if there is a backflow event. Backflow through cross-connections are very serious and have the potential to cause serious health hazards.



## Common household items requiring installation of a Backflow Prevention Device

Lawn Irrigation/Sprinkler System, Pool, Hot Tub, Fire Protection Sprinklers and Boilers

If you have any questions about Backflow Prevention or would like to notify CSWR of your Backflow Devices, please call or email: Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company at 1-866-752-8982 or [support@bluegrasswateruoc.com](mailto:support@bluegrasswateruoc.com)

# How to Participate

Protecting drinking water at its source is an important part of the process to treat and deliver high quality water. It takes a community effort to protect shared resources. This includes utilities, businesses, residents, government and non-profit organizations.

For more information regarding this report contact Bluegrass Water Utility Operating Company at 1-866-752-8982

## WATER INFORMATION SOURCES:

Central States Water Resources (CSWR)

<https://www.centralstateswaterresources.com/contact-us/>

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

[www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov)

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

[www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater)

EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

American Water Works Association [www.drinktap.org](http://www.drinktap.org)

Society of Water Quality Association [www.wqa.org](http://www.wqa.org)

National Library of Medicine/National Institute of Health

[www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/drinkingwater.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/drinkingwater.html)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Properly dispose of pharmaceuticals, household chemicals, oils and paints.



Clean up heating or fuel tank leaks with cat litter. Sweep material and seal in bag. Check with local facility for disposal.



Clean up after your pets and limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides.



Take part in watershed activities or volunteer outreach programs.