# 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 2024. For your information, we have compiled a list of tables showing the testing of your drinking water during 2024.

# **Our Mission**

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

# **Our Vision**

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.



SWR-FLORIDA tility Operating Company





**Whispering Sands Subdivision PWS ID 3424009 Annual Water Quality Report** 2024

**ATTENTION: Landlords and Apartment Owners!** Please share a copy of this notice with your tenants. It includes important information about their drinking water quality.

# **2024 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT**

We are pleased to present our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report to you covering the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide to our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water. Where Does Our Drinking Water Come From? The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water)

include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Your water source: Two groundwater wells from the Floridan Aquifer. The water supplied to you is treated with chlorine to maintain disinfection in the distribution system.

## Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAPP)

in 2024, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a Source Water Assessment of our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are no potential source of contamination. The assessment

# Am I at Risk?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, 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.

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#### **Special Health Information**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking In compliance with Federal Regulation (40 CFR Part 141 Subpart 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 small amounts of contamination. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lesson the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791. Lead and Drinking Water Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. CSWR-Florida is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact CSWR-Florida at 1-855-476-1942. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead

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Corrosion of pipes, plumbing fittings and fixtures may cause metals, including lead and copper, to enter drinking water. To assess corrosion of lead and copper, Whispering Sands conducts tap sampling for lead and copper at selected sites every three years. Complete lead tap sampling results are available for review. If you would like to view a copy of results, contact, CSWR-Florida at support@cswrflorida.com.

1) CSWR finds it necessary for the health and safety of our customers to adopt lead control standards which ban the use of lead materials in the public drinking water system and private plumbing connected to the public drinking water system. For more information, visit bit.ly/IdentifyingLead .

CSWR-Florida has completed the Lead Service Line Inventory, please visit https://centralstateswaterresources.com/florida-lsli/

#### All Drinking Water May Contain Contaminants Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some

results are available on the DEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAPP) website at

https://prodapps.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/ or they can be obtained from support@cswrflorida.com

### What Contaminants Can Be In Our Drinking Water?

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water 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 be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

# 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.

## What can you do?



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



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



Take part in watershed activities or volunteer outreach programs.



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

Please contact CSWR-Florida at 1-855-476-1942 if you have any questions.

| 2024 Consumer Confidence Report Data Table<br>Whispering Sands<br>This report contains important information about your drinking water. Este informe contiene informactión muy importante sobre el aqua usted bebe.<br>Tradúscalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. |                     |                                 |                                    |      |       |                |   |  |  |
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| Stage I Disinfectants   | Violation<br>Y or N | Running Annual<br>Average (RAA) | Range of All Samples<br>(Low-High) | MRDL | MRDLG | Sample<br>Date | Likely Source of Contamination  |  |  |
| Chlorine (ppm)  | N                   | 1.22                            | 0.4-4.0                            | 4    | 4     | 2024           | Water additive used to control microbes   |  |  |
| Stage II Disinfection Byproducts  | Violation<br>Y or N | Level Detected                  | Range of All Samples<br>(Low-High) | MCL  | MCLG  | Sample<br>Date | Likely Source of Contamination  |  |  |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)   | N                   | 12.2                            | N/A                                | 60   | N/A   | 9/12/2024      | By-product of drinking water disinfection   |  |  |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)  | N                   | 32.51                           | N/A                                | 80   | N/A   | 9/12/2024      | By-product of drinking water disinfection   |  |  |
| Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)   | Violation<br>Y or N | Highest Level<br>Detected       | Range of All Samples<br>(Low-High) | MCL  | MCLG  | Sample<br>Date | Likely Source of Contamination  |  |  |
| Barium (ppm)  | N                   | 0.0042                          | N/A                                | 2    | 2     | 10/24/2024     | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal<br>refineries; erosion of natural deposits   |  |  |
| Fluoride (ppm)  | N                   | 0.1                             | N/A                                | 4    | 4     | 10/24/2024     | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum. Water additive which promotes strong teeth at the optimum level of 0.7 ppm |  |  |
| Nitrate [as Nitrogen] (ppm)   | N                   | 3.5                             | 0-3.5                              | 10   | 10    | 2024           | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks,<br>sewage; erosion of natural deposits  |  |  |
| Sodium (ppm)  | N                   | 11.4                            | N/A                                | 160  | N/A   | 10/24/2024     | Saltwater intrusion, leaching from soil   |  |  |

#### **PFAS**

Your drinking water was sampled for the presence and concentration of different per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, some known by the acronyms PFAS, PFOA, PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS, and GenX. PFAS are manmade chemicals that are resistant to heat, water, and oil. They have been used since the 1940s to manufacture various consumer products, including fire-fighting foam and stain resistant, water-resistant, and nonstick items. Many PFAS do not break down easily and can build up in people, animals, and the environment over time. Scientific studies have shown that exposure to certain PFAS can be harmful to people and animals, depending on the level and duration of exposure.

| 2024 PFAS Test Results       |                              |         |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Contaminant                  | Highest<br>Lecel<br>Detected | MCL     |  |  |  |  |  |
| PFOA (in parts per trillion) | 9.6                          | 4.0 ppt |  |  |  |  |  |
| PFOS (in parts per trillion) | 13                           | 4.0 ppt |  |  |  |  |  |

# Whispering Sands reported no violations in 2024.

\*Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

### **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 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 a running annual average of monthly samples.

**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 occassions. **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 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 Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**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.

Million fibers per Liter (MFL): A measure of asbestos.

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

**Not Applicable (NA):** Sampling was not completed by regulation or was not required.

Not Detected (ND): Not detectable at reporting limit.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU):** Measure of clarity or turbidity of the water.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L):** Measure of the natural rate of disintegration of radioactive contaminants in water.

**Parts per million (ppm):** One part substance per million parts water or milligram per liter (mg/l).

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq):** Parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L).

**Parts per trillion (ppt):** One part substance per trillion parts water or nanograms per liter (ng/L).

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