

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT 2025

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Gold Country Estates Consumer Confidence Report – 2025 Covering Calendar Year – 2024

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. It is important that customers be aware of the efforts that are continually being made to improve their water systems. To learn more, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings. **For more information, please contact Humboldt County Public Works at 775-**

Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL 2	Ground Water
WELL 3	Ground Water
Well 4	Ground Water

We treat our water to dilute Nitrate contaminants and we add disinfectant to protect you against microbial contaminants. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires states to develop a Source Water Assessment (SWA) for each public water supply that treats and distributes raw source water in order to identify potential contamination sources. The state has completed an assessment of our source water. For results of the source water assessment, please contact us.

Message from EPA

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as those 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/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 (800-426-4791).

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).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included 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 before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, 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 may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, may also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system tested a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presences in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water

supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio.

once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. **The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.**

Water Quality Data

The tables following below list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2024 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1- December 31, 2024. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than



Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG’s allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the “Maximum Allowed” MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to the MCLG’s as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

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

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

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.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG’s do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL): million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.



Testing Results for Gold Country Estates

Microbiological	Results	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2024				

	Monitoring Period	RAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2024	2.2	8.76	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	2024	2.2	21.8	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper	Date	90 TH Percentile		Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2021-2023	0.025	0 - 0.056	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
LEAD	2021-2023	2	0 - 2	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED URANIUM-226-228	12/13/2024	0.538	0.538	PCi/L	30	0	Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM	8/23/2023	4	4	ug/L	30	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha INC Radon & U	12/5/2024	0.538	0.538	PCi/L	30	0	Decay of natural deposits
Gross Beta	8/23/2023	2.57	2.88	PCi/L	50	0	Decay of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	01120/2023	.003	2.8 – 3.4	Ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
NITRATE	11/202023	0.10	0 - 0.35	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
NITRATE-NITRITE	11/20/2023	.005	0.16 - 0.36	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

	Collection Date	Highest Value		Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Fluoride	11/20/2023	.1		Ppm	4	0	Natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Barium	11/20/2023	3.7	0.059- 0.074	ppm	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ALUMINUM	07/10/2020	0.15	0 - 0.15	MG/L	0.2		0
CHLORIDE	8/23/2023	110	110	MG/L	400		0
IRON	07/10/2020	0.13	0 - 0.13	MG/L	0.6		0
MAGNESIUM	8/23/2023	29	29	MG/L	150		0
pH	8/23/2023	8.02	8.14 - 8.02	pH	8.5		0
SODIUM	8/23/2023	32	32	MG/L	200	20	0
SULFATE	8/23/2023	47	47	MG/L	500		0
TDS	07/10/2020	180	140 - 180	MG/L	1000		0
Color	8/23/2023	7.91	7.91	CU	15		0
Odor	8/23/2023	2	2	Ton	3		0
TDS	8/23/2023	520	520	MG/L	1000		0
Temperature (Centigrade)	4/22/2020	21.8	21.8	C			0

Health Information About Water Quality

There are no additional required health effects notices.

Your water meets the EPA’s standard for Lead. If present at elevated levels, however, this contaminant 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. Your Water System 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 drinking 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>. Lead line service inventory is available by emailing your request to Jennifer Trujillo at Humboldt County Public works. jennifer.trujilo@humboldtcountynv.gov .

Violations

During the 2024 calendar year, Gold Country Estates is required to include an explanation of the violation(s) in the table below and the steps taken to resolve the violation(s) with this report.

Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
Monitoring, Routine (DPB Major)	Mon	DBPR Stage 2	1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024
Monitoring, Routine	Mon	Nitrate	1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024

Health Information About the Above Violation(s)

Gold Country Estates Water System missed one required routine monitoring for Disinfection Byproducts location on Rainbow Road. (Trihalomethanes and/or Haloacetic Acids) during 2024. Monitoring is required to ensure the safety of drinking water and to verify that DBP levels remain below health-based standards. We did not have enough data to determine whether your drinking water met the standards during the period in question. DBPs are byproducts of disinfecting water and long-term exposure to elevated levels may pose health risks. We have taken steps to ensure that all future monitoring is completed as required. The system has updated its sampling procedures and monitoring schedule to prevent future missed samples.

Our system missed one monthly sample. The required routine nitrate sample in 2024. Nitrate monitoring is important because high levels can pose an immediate risk to infants. We cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during the time the required testing was not conducted. Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 mg/L is a health risk for infants under six months of age. We have corrected the issue and have resumed nitrate monitoring according to the required schedule. Additional training has been provided to staff to ensure all future monitoring is conducted on time."

Deficiencies

There are no deficiencies to report.

Additional Information

How can I get involved?

Water Conservation is everybody's responsibility.

Water Conservation Tips:

Did you know that the average U.S. household used 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 can 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/water sense for more information.

Source Water Protection Tips

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

- 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.