

2019 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The drinking water quality information in the report covers the period of January 2019 to December 2019.

2019 Consumer Confidence Report Data

Somers Water Utility

Water System Information - If you would like to know more about the information in this report, please contact Jason Peters at (262) 859-2822.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality - The Somers Water Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Village/Town Hall, 7511 12th Street, Somers, WI.

Health Information

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). Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems 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. The EPA and the Center for Disease Control's guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the EPA's safe drinking water hotline (800-426- 4791).

Sources of Water

The Somers Water Utility has one source of water, the Kenosha Water Utility.

Educational Information

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 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.
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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, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water system. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

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Substance (Units)	MCL or {MRDL}	MCLG or {MRDLG}	Level Found	Range/ Comments	Year Tested	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Microbiological Results †							
Total Coliform Bacteria (% positive)	< 5% of monthly samples	0	0%	0%	2019	No	Naturally present in the environment; E.coli is a type of coliform that is present in human and animal waste
Disinfection Results †							
Free Chlorine (ppm)	{ 4 }	{ 4 }	1.07 (avg)	0.91 – 1.22	2019	No	Drinking water disinfectant
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	0	15 (avg)	9.4 – 19.2	2019	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	0	27.2 (avg)	15.2 – 46.7	2019	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	80	0	8.8 (avg)	5.8 – 15.0	2019	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Bromoform (ppb)	80	0	0.26 (avg)	ND - 0.44	2019	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Chloroform (ppb)	80	0	14.6 (avg)	6.4 – 25.0	2019	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	80	0	3.7 (avg)	2.6 – 6.3	2019	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
† - Microbiological and Disinfection Results are for KWU's distribution system, provided as an informational item. These results are not applicable to other distribution systems.							
Cryptosporidium	TT	0	0	0	2015-17	No	Microbial parasite found in surface water throughout the United States
Regulated Inorganic Results							
Antimony (ppb)	6	6	0.21	0.21	2017	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; Fire retardants; Ceramics; Electronics; Solder
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	0.66	0.66	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.021	0.021	2017	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium (ppb)	4	4	ND	ND	2017	No	Discharge from metal refineries and coal burning factories; Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cadmium (ppb)	5	5	ND	ND	2017	No	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; Runoff from waste batteries and paints
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	ND	ND	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from steel and pulp mills
Copper (ppm)	1.3 (AL)	1.3	0.11 (90th percentile)	0.003 - 0.240	2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Cyanide (ppb)	200	200	ND	ND	2017	No	Discharge from steel/metal factories; Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.73 (avg)	0.62 – 0.83	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive that promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead (ppb)	15 (AL)	0	8.90 (90th percentile)	ND - 24.0	2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Mercury (ppb)	2	2	ND	ND	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills and croplands
Nickel (ppb)	100	N/A	0.9	0.9	2017	No	Occurs naturally in soils, ground water, and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel, and alloy products

Nitrate as N (ppm)	10	10	0.63	0.63	2019	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	ND	ND	2017	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	9.9	9.9	2019	No	N/A
Thallium (ppb)	2	0.5	ND	ND	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from ore processing sites
Radioactive result							
Radium (226+228) (pCi/L)	5	0	1.5	1.5	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits
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Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Program							
Chromium 6 (ppb)	N/A	N/A	0.247	0.190 - 0.247	2013	N/A	Naturally occurring element used in making steel and other alloys
Chromium Total (ppb)	N/A	N/A	1.220	0.241 - 1.220	2013	N/A	Naturally occurring element used in making steel and other alloys
Molybdenum (ppb)	N/A	N/A	1.1873	ND - 1.1873	2013	N/A	Naturally occurring element found in ores and present in plants, animals, and bacteria
Strontium (ppb)	N/A	N/A	127.365	117.625 -127.365	2013	N/A	Naturally occurring element which has been used in the faceplate glass of cathode ray tube televisions to block x-ray emissions
Vanadium (ppb)	N/A	N/A	0.318	0.2407 - 0.318	2013	N/A	Naturally occurring elemental metal
Cyanotoxins (10 total)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2018	N/A	Freshwater Cyanobacterial (Blue-Green Algae) Blooms
Germanium (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Naturally occurring element; Commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; A byproduct of zinc ore processing; used in infrared optics, fiber optics, electronics and solar applications
Manganese (ppb)	N/A	N/A	0.67	ND - 0.67	2019	N/A	Naturally occurring element; Commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; Used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries, and fireworks; Drinking water and wastewater treatment chemical
Pesticides (8 total)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Agricultural & residential runoff (includes Insecticides, herbicides and fungicides)
Pesticide Byproduct (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Agricultural runoff
Alcohols (ppb) (3 Total)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Solvents; Food additives; Production of flavorings; Consumer products such as synthetic cosmetics, perfumes, fragrances, hair preparations, and skin lotions
Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (ppb) (3 Total)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Food additives (antioxidants); Production of dyes, rubber, pharmaceuticals, and pesticides; Used as pharmaceuticals and flavoring agents; Component of coal; Produced as chemical intermediates
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	1850 (avg)	1700 – 2000	2019	N/A	N/A
Bromide (ppb)	N/A	N/A	34.5 (avg)	33 – 36	2019	N/A	Occurs naturally in the environment in low levels; Concentrated sources include wastewater discharges from fossil fuel production and coal fired power plants, mining operations, and pesticides
Dichloroacetic acid (DCAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	7.4 (avg)	5.7 – 9.5	2019	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Monochloroacetic acid (MCAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination

Trichloroacetic acid (TCAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	6.9 (avg)	5.5 – 7.9	2019	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Bromochloroacetic acid (BCAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	3.7 (avg)	3.2 – 4.2	2019	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Bromodichloroacetic acid (BDCAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	5.3 (avg)	4.4 – 6.4	2019	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Chlorodibromoacetic acid (CDBAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	1.3 (avg)	1.1 – 1.6	2019	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Tribromoacetic acid (TBAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Monobromoacetic acid (MBAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	0.54 (avg)	0.42 – 0.65	2019	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Dibromoacetic acid (DBAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	0.74 (avg)	0.67 – 0.80	2019	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Substance (Units)	MCL or {MRDL}	MCLG or {MRDLG}	Level Found	Range/ Comments	Year Tested	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Other Monitored Parameters							
Sulfate (ppm)	N/A	N/A	26.3 (avg)	23.0 – 29.0	2019	N/A	N/A
Orthophosphate (ppm)	N/A	N/A	0.89 (avg)	0.60 – 1.00	2019	N/A	Water additive to reduce corrosion of household plumbing systems
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	TT	N/A	1.6 (avg)	1.4 – 2.0	2019	N/A	N/A
Turbidity (NTU)	< 0.30	N/A	0.027 (avg)	0.019 – 0.043	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Alkalinity (ppm)	N/A	N/A	105 (avg)	99 – 119	2019	N/A	N/A
Conductivity (µS/cm)	N/A	N/A	314 (avg)	276 – 376	2019	N/A	N/A
Total Hardness (ppm)	N/A	N/A	140 (avg)	134 – 154	2019	N/A	N/A
Temperature (°F)	N/A	N/A	46.0 (avg)	33.8 – 71.6	2019	N/A	N/A
pH (pH Units)	N/A	N/A	7.68 (avg)	7.45 – 7.88	2019	N/A	N/A

AL: Action Level The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. Action levels are reported at the 90th percentile from homes at greatest risk.

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.

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.

{MRDL}: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level 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.

{MRDLG}: Maximum Residual Disinfectant 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 contamination.

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

Abbreviations:

avg: average

N/A: Not Applicable ND: Not Detected

pCi/L: picocuries per liter

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units ppb: parts per billion (µg/L)

ppm: parts per million (mg/L)

µS/cm: microsiemens per centimeter