

# WEST FORT COLLINS WD 2024 Drinking Water Quality Report

## Covering Data For Calendar Year 2023

*Public Water System ID:* CO0135290

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- Microbial contaminants:** viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants:** 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:** may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants:** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants:** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in

bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

### Lead in Drinking Water

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. We are 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 the 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 DOUG BIGGE at 970-484-4881. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at [epa.gov/safewater/lead](https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

### Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP)

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment may have provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply. For general information or to obtain a copy of the report please visit [wqcdcompliance.com/ccr](https://www.wqcdcompliance.com/ccr). The report is located under "Guidance: Source Water Assessment Reports". Search the table using our system name or ID, or by contacting DOUG BIGGE at 970-484-4881. The Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that **could** occur. It **does not** mean that the contamination **has or will** occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help us ensure that quality finished water is delivered to your homes. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan. Potential sources of contamination in our source water area are listed on the next page. Please contact us to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the Drinking Water Quality Report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings, which are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 12:00pm at the WFCWD office located at 2711 N Overland Trail Laporte, CO 80535. The mailing address is PO Box 426, Laporte, CO 80535. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day.

## Our Water Sources

<u>Sources (Water Type - Source Type)</u>	<u>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</u>
GOAT HILL MASTER METER (Surface Water-Consecutive Connection)	See City of Fort Collins Source water Assessment Protection Report PWSID# CO0135291
WATSON LAKE MASTER METER (Surface Water-Consecutive Connection)	See City of Fort Collins Source water Assessment Protection Report PWSID# CO0135291
PURCHASED SW FROM FT COLLINS 135291 (Surface Water-Consecutive Connection)	See City of Fort Collins Source water Assessment Protection Report PWSID# CO0135291

## Terms and Abbreviations

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Health-Based** – A violation of either a MCL or TT.
- **Non-Health-Based** – A violation that is not a MCL or TT.
- **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
- **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 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 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.
- **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- **Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation)** – Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
- **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
- **Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation)** – Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
- **Compliance Value (No Abbreviation)** – Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- **Average (x-bar)** – Typical value.
- **Range (R)** – Lowest value to the highest value.
- **Sample Size (n)** – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
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- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.
- **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.

## Routine Monitoring Results

WEST FORT COLLINS WD routinely monitors contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023 unless otherwise noted. The State of Colorado requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one-year-old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

**Note:** Only detected contaminants sampled within the last 5 years appear in this report. If no tables appear in this section, then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

<b>Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System</b>									
<b>TT Requirement:</b> At least 95% of samples per period (month or quarter) must be at least 0.2 ppm <b>OR</b> If sample size is less than 40 no more than 1 sample is below 0.2 ppm <b>Typical Sources:</b> Water additive used to control microbes									
Disinfectant Name	Time Period	Results				Number of Samples Below Level	Sample Size	TT Violation	MRDL
Chlorine	December, 2023	<u>Lowest period</u> percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%				0	4	No	4.0 ppm
<b>Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System</b>									
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources	
Copper	07/12/2023 to 07/26/2023	0.22	24	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Lead	07/12/2023 to 07/26/2023	6.5	24	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
<b>Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System</b>									
Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	26.71	17.8 to 46	8	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalome thanes (TTHM)	2023	34.08	22.2 to 43.2	8	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

### Upcoming Monitoring Results

**LEAD AND COPPER:** Water systems, including West Fort Collins Water District, are developing a system-wide lead service line inventory and or statements of inventory results , per the December 16, 2021, EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. This inventory or statement of results can be viewed publicly starting October 16, 2024 online at the district’s webpage: <https://westfortcollinswd.colorado.gov/water-quality>.

**PFAS:** The majority of public water suppliers, including, West Fort Collins Water District, are subject to the requirements of the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) published on December 27, 2021 (86 FR 73131). UCMR 5 requires many water suppliers to collect drinking water samples for the analysis of 29 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium during a 12-month period between 2023 and 2025. Starting in 2024 there are new PFAS and Lithium Testing being performed per the UCMR 5 testing. West Fort Collins Water District will be testing quarterly in 2024 for the required contaminants, and results will be posted in the 2024 CCR.

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### **Source Water Assessment and Protection**

[The City of Fort Collins' Source Water Protection Plan \(SWPP\)](#) was completed in 2016. The SWPP identifies and prioritizes major pollution threats to our water sources and identifies key protection or mitigation strategies. The threat of large-scale catastrophic wildfires has been identified as the highest priority threat to our source water quality and drinking water infrastructure; historical mines and flooding are a moderate priority. Utilities began working closely with the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW) and other stakeholders to improve the health and resiliency of the Poudre River following the High Park Fire of 2012. CPRW is leading the Cameron Peak Wildfire local recovery group, including identifying priority restoration areas and projects aimed at protecting our source water quality.

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PURCHASED FROM FORT COLLINS LOVELAND WATER DISTRICT CO0135292 (Surface Water-Consecutive Connection) PLEASANT VALLEY INTAKE (Surface Water-Intake) POUDRE RIVER INTAKE (Surface Water-Intake) HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR INTAKE (Surface Water-Intake)	Surface Water

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- **Sanitary Survey** – Inspection performed by CDPHE every three years to ensure drinking water facilities are in compliance with all regulations and to evaluate the adequacy of the facilities for producing and distributing safe drinking water.
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- **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- **Watershed** - The land area that collects, stores, and drains water into a shared network of streams, rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

## Detected Contaminants

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### Raw and Finished Water Samples

Parameter	Average	Range	Number of Samples	Unit of Measure*	Minimum Ratio	Meet Standard?	Typical Source
Total Organic Carbon Ratio	1.2	1.02 – 1.46	12	Ratio	1.00	Yes	Naturally present in the environment

\*This ratio reflects the amount of organic carbon removed vs the amount of organic carbon required to be removed.

### Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System

Parameter	Month	Result	Standard	Meet Standard?	Typical Source
Turbidity*	June	Highest single measurement = 0.21 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	Yes	Soil Runoff
	All 12 month	All monthly percentages were less than 0.3 NTU			

\*Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of the water and is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

Parameter	Average	Range*	Number of Samples	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Meet Standard?	Typical Sources
Barium	0.02	-	1	ppm	2	2	Yes	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	0.58	-	1	ppm	4	4		Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth
Nitrate	0.13	-	1	ppm	10	10		Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

\*No range provided when only one sample is collected

### Sampled in the Distribution System

Parameter	Monitoring Period	Standard	Results	Number of Samples Not Meeting Standard	Number of Samples	Meet Standard ?	Typical Source
Chlorine Residual	All months of 2023	At least 95% of samples in the month must have a chlorine residual of at least 0.2 ppm	100% of all monthly samples had a chlorine residual of at least 0.2 ppm.	0	Monthly sample size ranged from 120-153 samples	Yes	Water additive used to control microbes
	All quarters of 2023	The running annual average must be <=4.0 ppm.	The running annual average for all four quarters was <4.0 ppm.	0			

Parameter	Monitoring Period*	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Standard	Unit of Measure	Number of Samples	Number of Samples Above Standard	Meet Standard?	Typical Source
Copper	03/03/21 to 10/1/2021	0.17	1.3	ppm	73	0	Yes	Corrosion of household plumbing
Lead		2	15	ppb	73	0		

\*Data for lead and copper is from 2021. Fort Collins Utilities is required to monitor for lead and copper every 3 years.

Parameter	Average	Range	Number of Samples	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Meet Standard?	Typical Source
Haloacetic Acids HAA5	23.86	14.3 - 70.6	32	ppb	60	N/A	Yes	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethane TTHM	24.82	15.3 - 37.8	32	ppb	80	N/A		
Chlorite	0.26	0.16 - 0.33	12	ppb	1.0	0.8		

**Secondary Contaminant Sampled at Entry Point to Distribution System**

Parameter	Average	Range	Numbers of Samples	Units of Measure	Meet Standard?	Typical Source
Sodium	3.18	-	1	ppm	There is no standard for this parameter	Naturally occurring

**Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

**Health-Based Violations**

**Treatment technique (TT) violations:** We failed to complete an action that could affect water quality. Please read the information shown below about potential health effects for vulnerable populations. This is the same violation that we told you about in a past notice. We were required to meet a minimum operation/treatment standard and we failed to do so in the time period shown below.

Name	Description	Time Period
CROSS CONNECTION RULE	FAILURE TO MEET CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL AND/OR BACKFLOW PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS - M611	04/28/2023 - 04/28/2023

**Additional Violation Information**

Please share this information with all the 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.

Fort Collins Utilities received a treatment technique violation in April of 2023. This is the same violation you were told about in a past notice, the Code of Colorado Regulations requires that it also be included in our annual water quality report. This did not require customers to use an alternative source and does not compromise the quality of water we continue to supply.

We have an inadequate backflow prevention and cross-connection control program. Uncontrolled cross connections can lead to inadvertent contamination of the drinking water. This was because we failed to complete the testing requirements for backflow prevention devices.

**What Happened:**

In 2021 there were 5 privately owned backflow devices that did not get tested within the required timeframe which put Fort Collins Utilities out of compliance. The 5 backflow devices meet all testing requirements by December 2022. The violation was issued during a Sanitary Survey by CDPHE in April 2023 and notices were sent to our customers the following month.