

Your Water

ORANGE CITY UTILITIES

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Water Quality Report 2021



Orange City Utilities (OCU) is a leader in natural resource protection. The City is proud of its treasured natural resources, such as Blue Springs, and strives to protect them throughout comprehensive management of water resources while ensuring public health. It is the City's goal to continue to improve water quality. In 2015, the City started the "Water Quality Improvements Projects" and spent approximately \$13 million replacing defective and obsolete water mains and upgrading our Water Treatment Plants. The next steps are to replace more obsolete water mains and to add Greensand filters at the Main Water Treatment Plant. Both of these projects are beginning this year. These improvements will help address issues with discolored water and other water quality challenges. OCU provides this Annual Water Quality Report to our customers so you may understand the concerted and rigorous efforts that are made to continually maintain and improve the water-treatment process and preserve Orange City's precious water resources.

OCU's water system provides safe, clean, drinking water to an approximate population of **12,335** who use a system-wide daily average of approximately 1.60 million gallons per day. Making every drop safe is our top priority. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide OCU customers a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. OCU treats groundwater pumped from the Floridan Aquifer. Our treatment process consists of aeration and disinfection using sodium hypochlorite. OCU's water is tested continuously at our water treatment plants and throughout the distribution system. Water straight from the faucet continues to be safe, and the use of home filtration systems remains a matter of preference.

Orange City Utilities is very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We strive to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. This report depicts our water quality results. Orange City Utilities routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, to December 31, 2021. Data obtained before January 1st, 2021 and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

OCU is a municipally-owned utility, governed by the Orange City Council. The Orange City Council meets at City Hall, 201 N Holly Ave, Orange City, Fla., on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Additional information is available at www.OurOrangeCity.com.

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Special Health Considerations

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking 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 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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source Water Assessment

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act has created the Source Water Assessment and Protection Program. The program is designed to ensure the safety of drinking water at the source. Contamination of ground water can occur from contaminants such as hazardous chemicals, storm water runoff, waste disposal sites and underground storage tanks. In 2021 the Department of Environmental Protection updated the Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was updated to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are **eleven (11) potential** sources of contamination identified as low susceptibility level and **three (3) identified** for moderate susceptibility level for this system. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at <https://fldep.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/> or they can be obtained from Orange City Utilities at 426 S Volusia Ave, Orange City, 32763.

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 the 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 at 1-800-426-4791.

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:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) 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.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) 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.
- (E) 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, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

If present, elevated levels of 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. Orange City Utilities 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 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>

Table Terms and Abbreviations

- Non-Applicable (NA): Does not apply.
- Non Detect (ND): Means not detected and indicates the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.
- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): One part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.
- Parts per billion (ppb): or Micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/l}$): one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.
- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

- Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): the average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.
- Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or 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 or 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 or 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 or 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 contaminant.

WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

The following table shows the results of the monitoring period from January 1 to December 31, 2021. The State of Florida allows for the monitoring of some contaminants less than once a year because the concentration of some of these contaminants does not change frequently. Therefore, some of the provided data, though representative, is more than a year old.

Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCGL	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic (ppb)	10/2020	N	1.8	0.3 – 1.8	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	10/2020	N	.029	.022 - .029	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	10/2020	N	.068	.053 - .068	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at the optimum level of 0.7 ppm
Mercury (inorganic) (ppb)	10/2020	N	.071	.056 - .071	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
Sodium (ppm)	10/2020	N	45.0	10.0 – 45.0	NA	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	AL Exceeded (Y/N)	90 th Percentile Result	No. of Sampling Sites Exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	07/2020	N	0.92	1	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	07/2020	N	2.5	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Stage 2 Disinfectant/Disinfection By-Product							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	1/2021 – 12/2021	N	0.62	0.21 – 1.37	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	1/2021 – 12/2021	N	33.5	14.8-33.5	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	1/2021-12/21	Y	86.6	39.1-86.6	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

During 2021, Orange City had (2) Trihalomethanes (TTHM) results that exceeded the MCL of 80 ppb. The results were (83.3) and (86.6) respectively. The system incurred an MCL violation, because location OCU-31 at 247 Minnesota Ave third quarter Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) exceeded the MCL of 80 ppb (**83.3**). Some people who drink water containing Trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their kidneys, or nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

TTHM Monitoring Results (ppb)	1st Quarter 2021	2 nd Quarter 2021	3 rd Quarter 2021	4 th Quarter 2021
OCU 31 – 247 Minnesota Ave Quarterly Results	86.6	63.7	83.3	67.6
OCU 31 – 247 Minnesota Ave – LRAA*	77.53	77.08	83.3	75.3
OCU 32 – 920 Crittenden Ave Quarterly Results	66.2	46.6	67.2	53.6
OCU 32 – 920 Crittenden Ave – LRAA*	68.53	64.86	66.4	58.4
OCU 33 – 1038 W. French Ave Quarterly Results	56.0	53.4	69.7	57.9
OCU 33 – 1038 W. French Ave – LRAA*	63.14	60.16	66.4	59.3
OCU 34 – 1221 Integra Landing Quarterly Results	44.8	33.3	53.3	39.1
OCU 34 – 1221 Integra Landing – LRAA*	42.67	41.60	51.36	42.6

*Reported LRAA for Quarters 1 – 3 are based on results from previous quarters not reported on this table.

We constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. The levels of Iron are shown in the table below. Iron is a Secondary contaminant that can cause rusty color; sediment; metallic taste; reddish or orange staining. Our water system exceeded the MCL for Iron in the third quarter, which is a **Secondary MCL** (sMCL) violation. **Secondary Contaminates are tested for aesthetic purposes and do not pose any adverse health effects at the concentrations detected.**

Secondary Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Highest Result	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Iron (ppm)	1/2021 4/2021 7/2021 10/2021	Y	0.401	0.258-0.401		0.3	Natural occurrence from soil leaching

