



**Benton
County**
OREGON

**HIDDEN VALLEY SERVICE
DISTRICT**

**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE
REPORT - 2023**



Why We Provide This Report...

In accordance with the 1996 passage of the Safe Drinking Water Act, all public water systems are required to provide an annual water quality report to each of its customers. The intent of this report is to increase public awareness and to provide critical information on water quality and potential health risks associated with individual water systems. Specific requirements of the report includes information on detected levels of contaminants and the potential health risks, treatment processes, water source and general system information. Some of the information in this report is redundant from previous reports; however, the district is required to inform and educate users of potential risks from drinking water and part of the language is mandated.

This is the 6th Annual Consumer Confidence Report and again we are pleased to inform you that the Hidden Valley County Service District test results indicate that the water meets all state and federal monitoring and testing requirements. Not only is the district satisfying all requirements, the test results indicate that the water provided to your community exceeds the established water quality standards and requirements.

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STATE OF OREGON DRINKING WATER WEBSITE

Oregon State Drinking Water Services website can be found at

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/pages/index.aspx>

Select “data online” then search by WS Name Look up, Hidden Valley, PWS # 41-01303 for full system data.

Service District Contacts

Governing Body

- Xanthippe Augerot - Chair
- Nancy Wyse – County Commissioner
- Pat Malone - County Commissioner

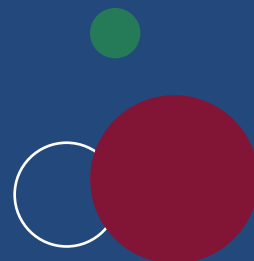
Citizens Advisory & Budget Committee

- Brenda McComb
- Julie Hoffman
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County Public Works

- Gary Stockhoff - Director
- Jon Tompkins - System Operator

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Operations

The Hidden Valley County Service District is operated and maintained by the Benton County Public Works Department, Utilities Division. The system is managed under the direction of a Governing Body, made up of the Benton County Board of Commissioners. A Citizens Advisory Committee review policy issues and make recommendations to the Governing Body.

In partnership with the Public Works Department, each of these groups are responsible for the direction, operation, and compliance of the water system. Each of these groups play a major role in identifying and setting system parameters, goals, rate structures, and evaluating system improvements to maintain system efficiency and water quality.

The Citizen Advisory & Budget Committee and Governing Body meet during the annual budget preparation, usually in May of each year, and as special requests or issues come forward.

The Hidden Valley County Service District was created to monitor and encourage responsible use and conservation of water. A rate structure has been adopted by the Governing Body that supports and enforces the requirements of the district. Water conservation efforts have been successful. This reflects a very positive and responsible reaction to the call for water conservation and prudent water use. The whole district deserves to be commended for their efforts.

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System Update

Once again the Hidden Valley County Service District has completed another successful year with no Oregon Water Resources Department Violations. The system has been in compliance meeting all state water system requirements.

In anticipation of potential water shortages, the district staff will be emphasize water conservation and prudent water use.

As part of our water curtailment and water management plan, the system was monitored diligently throughout the dry season. No mandatory actions were required for water conservation and curtailment as mandated in the plan. This indicates that your water supply performed well during the summer season and reflects a fairly reliable water source.

Overall, the system continues to meet customer demands due to the diligence and conservation efforts of the homeowners. The county worked with several residents to track down and repair small leaks within their service lines. This continues to be a service that Benton County offers to mitigate system leaks and preserve our precious water resources.

At the request of the citizen's advisory committee, Public Works is in the process of outlining a ten year capital plan for the Service District. While the capital plan has not been adopted as of this publication proposed upgrades for 2023 include:

- Upgrades to the storage tank and well site are underway.

For us to maintain the service district and keep our conservation efforts effective, we need to have help and cooperation from the residents of Hidden Valley Estates. We ask that you all please keep your meter box and access areas free and clear of debris and vegetation, including fallen trees and poison oak. It can be difficult to have your meter read each month when there are potential hazards restricting access to the meter box.

District's Water Source

The Hidden Valley County Service District was constructed in 1975 to serve a platted 13 unit subdivision approved for construction in Benton County. Because the number of service connections to the system is less than 15, operation of the system is not state regulated, and is under the auspices of Benton County. Upon taking over the system, Benton County performed a survey and recommended improvements were made. A subsequent survey in 1990, required additional revisions. The County initially operated the system as a community water system, but changed it to a non-community water system because it only developed 13 connections. This action significantly reduced the water sampling and analysis costs, which were a large part of the water system's budget.

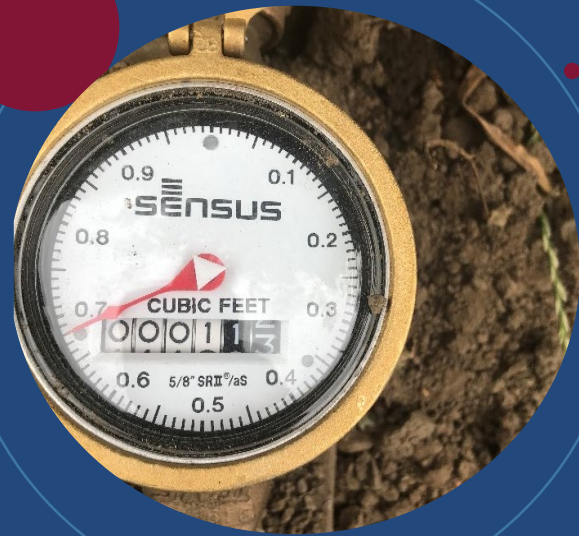
The system is served by a single community well adjacent to an 18,000 gallon storage tank. All residence except one are served by gravity from the tank, with mainline pressures as high as 108 psi for houses at the lowest elevations. Mainlines are 2 inch solvent weld PVC.

Over the years, the well pump, pressure line, and controls have been replaced, and the supply well pump and individual services have had meters installed. Distribution line blowouts have occasionally occurred and spot repairs have been made. When some bacterial levels were noted, and to remove sulfur taste from the well water, chlorination was provided. In later years, the well was improved to avoid bacteria problems and chlorination was discontinued. As of today, the system still does not require chlorination.

How would I know about a problem with the water supply?

Benton County Public Works keeps a close watch on your water supply. Law requires that you be informed if there is a problem with your water. Potential sources for this news are the radio, television, newspapers, Benton County Environmental Health Department, Oregon Health Authority, or directly from Benton County Public Works.

Photo from Benton County Public Works



System Operators flush water lines and fire hydrants twice a year to help maintain water quality.

ALTHOUGH WATER FLOWS FROM OUR FAUCETS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WE OFTEN TAKE THE AMOUNT OF FRESH WATER AVAILABLE ON EARTH FOR GRANTED. AS THE WORLD'S POPULATION INCREASES, WATER CONSUMPTION INCREASES. PREVENTING WATER POLLUTION AND CONSERVING WATER ARE IMPORTANT TO ASSURE A CONTINUING ABUNDANCE OF WATER THAT IS SAFE TO USE FOR OURSELVES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS TO COME.

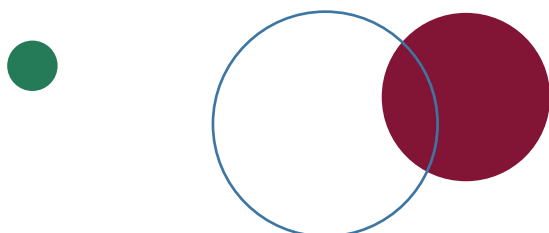


Treatment

Drinking water, tap as well as bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants do not necessarily indicate that the 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 (1-800-426-4791).

Some individuals may be more susceptible or vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Individuals that are immune compromised and elderly or infants can be at risk from infections. These individuals should seek advice about drinking water risks from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants, as well as potential health effects, are available by calling the 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.



Monitoring/Reporting

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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants: including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

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, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.



Definitions

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.

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The following is a comprehensive list of contaminates that were tested for in the Hidden Valley Water System samples, but not detected:

Inorganic Chemicals			
Antimony	Chromium	Mercury	Selenium
Arsenic	Cyanide	Nickel	Thallium
Beryllium	Fluoride	Nitrate	
Cadmium	Lead	Nitrite	
Synthetic Organic Chemicals			
Pentachlorophenol	Aldrin		
2,4,5-TP Silvex	Doqiat	Phthalates	Butachlor
Adipates	Endothall	Picloram	Carbaryl
Alachlor (Lasso)	Endrin	Polychlorinated Biphenyls	Dicamba
Atrazine	Ethylene Dibromide	Simazine	Dieldrin
Benzo(A)Pyrene	Glyphosate	Toxaphene	Methomyl
BHC-gamma (Lindane)	Heptachlor Epoxide	Vydate	Metolachlor
Carbofuran	Heptachlor	3-Hydroxycarbofuran	Metribuzin
Chlordane	Hexachlorobenzene	Aldicarb	Propachlor
Dalapon	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	Aldicarb Sulfoxide	
Dibromochloropropane	Methoxychlor	Aldicarb Sulfone	
Volatile Organic Chemicals:			
1,1-Dichloroethylene	Styrene	2,2-Dichloropropane	Trichlorofluoromethane
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Tetrachloroethylene	Bromobenzene	Bromochloromethane
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	Toluene	Bromodichloromethane	Isopropylbenzene
1,2-Dichloroethane	Total Xylenes	Bromoform	n-Propylbenzene
1,2-Dichloropropane	Tans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	Fromomethane	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	Trichloroethylene	Chloroethane	Tert-Butylbenzene
Benzene	Vinyl Chloride	Chloroform	Sec-Butylbenzene
Carbon Tetrachloride	1,1-Dichloroethane	Chloromethane	p-isopropyltoluene
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	1,1-Dichloropropene	Dibromochloromethane	n-Butylbenzene
Dichloromethane	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	Dibromomethane	Naphthalene
Ethylbenzene	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	M-Dichlorobenzene	Hexachlorobutadiene
Monochlorobenzene	1,2,3-Trichloropropane	O-Chlorotoluene	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene
O-Dichlorobenzene	1,3-Dichloropropane	P-Chlorotoluene	
P-Dichlorobenzene	1,3-Dichloropropene	Dichlorodifluoromethane	
Microbiological:			
E. coli bacteria			
Radiological:			
Dichloromethane	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	Dibromomethane	Naphthalene

Test Results

There were no regulated contaminants detected in your water system for the year 2023.

Often minerals, such as iron or carbonates, may be present but are not considered a health risk. The complete list of contaminants that were tested for are listed above.

In accordance with the “Safe Drinking Water Act” all detected chemicals must be identified including the MCL, MCLG, level detected, typical sources of the contaminate and any potential health affects for individuals that may have been exposed to that specific contaminate.

<https://yourwater.oregon.gov/inventory.php?pwsno=01303>