

# Jamestown Water Department

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2023



We are pleased to present to you the **2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**. This report is designed to inform you about the safe clean water we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water sources are wells drawing ground water from the Jamestown Aquifer underlying the James River Valley. The city has a Wellhead Protection Plan in place which provides more information, such as, potential sources of contamination. This plan is used daily at the Water Treatment Plant.

The Jamestown Water Department operates under the direction of the Public Works Director, the City Engineer, the City Administrator, and the Jamestown City Council. To learn more, attend a regularly scheduled council meeting at 5:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Go to [www.JamestownND.gov](http://www.JamestownND.gov) for committee and council meeting schedules and instructions on remote attendance.

**If you have questions about the report,**

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This report shows our water quality and what it means. This report is in the format and language required by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) regulations. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

The City of Jamestown Water Department, in cooperation with the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, has completed the delineation and contaminant/land use inventory elements of the North Dakota Source Water Protection Program. Based on the information from these elements, the North Dakota Department Environmental Quality has determined that the city's source water is only moderately susceptible to potential contaminants.

The City of Jamestown Water Department routinely monitors for contaminants and minerals in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The Chemical Report Table shows the results of the monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023. As authorized and approved by the U.S. EPA, the State of ND has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less frequently than annually because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to change significantly.

Drinking water, including tap and 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 effects can be obtained through the U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

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. The U.S. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the U.S EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) .

## City water and your plumbing (Lead)

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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. The City of Jamestown Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

Use water from the cold tap for drinking and cooking. When your water has been sitting in the system for several hours, you can help minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes prior to 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 lead exposure is available from the U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

The City of Jamestown is proud to notify you that Jamestown's drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. The U.S. EPA has determined that your WATER IS SAFE at these levels. See the *CCR Chemical Report Table*.

Maximum Contamination Levels (MCL's) are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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The Jamestown Water Department works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future.

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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, natural 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:

**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 by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, car washes, 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.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.



## Definitions

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**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (g/l)** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

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

**Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**(MCLG) Maximum Contaminate Level Goal** - The level of a contaminate in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**(MCL) Maximum Contaminate Level** - The highest level of a contaminate that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**(MRDL) Maximum Residual Disinfection Level** - The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Highest Compliance Level** - The highest level of that contaminate used to determine compliance with a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation.

## Abbreviations

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**ppb** – parts per billion or micrograms per liter

**ppm** – parts per million or milligrams per liter

**ppt** – parts per trillion or nanograms per liter

**NA** – not applicable

**ND** – non detects

**pCi/L** – picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**umho/cm** – micromhos per centimeter (a measure of conductivity)

**osvns** – observations/field at 100 Power

**IDSE** – Initial Distribution System Evaluation

# Chemical Report Table

2023- Test Results for the City of Jamestown - ND4700498								
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Units	Range	Date (year)	Violation Yes / No Other Info	Likely Sources of Contamination
<b>Lead / Copper</b>								
<b>Lead</b>	0	AL = 15	10.9 90th % Value	ppb	N/A	2023	1 site exceeded AL	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Copper</b>	1.3	AL = 1.3	0.0378 90th % Value	ppm	N/A	2023	0 sites exceeded AL	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>			<b>High Comp.</b>					
<b>Nitrate-Nitrite</b>	10	10	0.094	ppm	N/A	2023	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Disinfectants</b>								
<b>Chloramine</b>	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4.0	2.5	ppm	1.76 to 3.49	2023	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
<b>Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts</b>			<b>High Comp.</b>					
<b>Total Halo Acetic Acids (HAA5)</b>	N/A	60	2	ppb	ND to 1.45	2023	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
<b>Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)</b>	N/A	80	2	ppb	0.71 to 2.38	2023	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination

The City of Jamestown was selected by the U.S EPA to sample for thirty (30) unregulated contaminants during 2023. Samples were taken two times from the entry point (EP) to the distribution system, as required.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which U.S. EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist the U.S. EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulations is warranted. Should you have any questions, please contact our office.

The following unregulated contaminants were the only contaminants detected during this sampling.

Unregulated Contaminant	Average value at EP sampling point (ug/l)
Lithium 75.0 Sampling 1 71.0 Sampling 2	73.00  (Range: 71.00 to 75.00)