

2021 CITY OF RENTON



WATER QUALITY REPORT



**YOUR WATER
SOURCE AND
TREATMENT**

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Water Source and Treatment

Renton's Water Sources

IN 2020, the City of Renton obtained its drinking water from four sources:

1. Six downtown wells located in Liberty and Cedar River Parks, which draw water from the Cedar Valley Aquifer
2. Springbrook Springs, a small spring located in south Renton
3. The Maplewood wellfield located under the Maplewood Golf Course
4. An agreement to buy water from Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), who source water from the Cedar and Tolt rivers

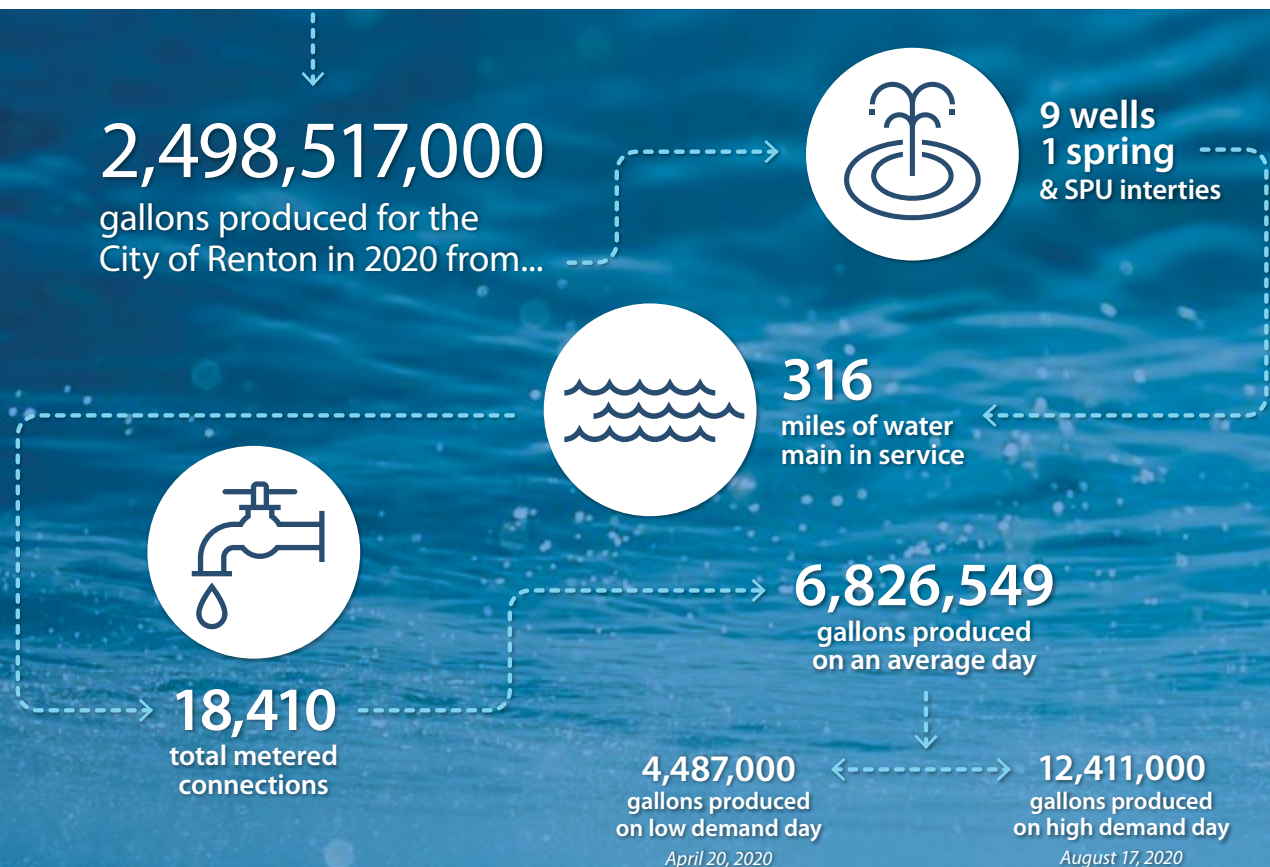
Our agreement with SPU began in January 2012. During 2020, SPU provided approximately 11.6 million gallons of water that were used by the Renton Boeing plant. Water is purchased from SPU primarily for the Renton Boeing plant and as a backup supply during summer peak use periods. More information available at SPU: seattle.gov/util/waterqualityreport.

In 2020, the combined four water sources produced approximately 2.51 billion gallons of water.

Providing Safe, Clean Water

THE WATER PUMPED from the downtown wells and Springbrook Springs is naturally very clean and needs minimal treatment. Chlorine is added to destroy bacteria, parasites, and viruses that could possibly enter our source water. Chlorine also protects water in the distribution system in case there is a contamination event like a water main break or backflow incident. Sodium hydroxide is added to slightly raise the pH of the water to help prevent the corrosion of household plumbing. Ortho-polyphosphates are added to reduce the internal corrosion of old cast iron water mains found in the neighborhood of West Hill. Fluoride is added to prevent tooth decay. The downtown wellfield produced 58% of Renton's water in 2020. Springbrook Springs produced 19% of Renton's water in 2020.

Maplewood water is clean as well, but due to naturally occurring minerals, it must first be treated before it is pumped into the distribution system. The treatment process consists of removing manganese, hydrogen sulfide, and ammonia from the source water. Chlorine is added to protect the water in the distribution system and fluoride is added to prevent tooth decay. The Maplewood wellfield produced 23% of Renton's water in 2020.



Water Use Efficiency

IN 2003, the Washington State Legislature passed the Municipal Water Law to address the increasing demand on the state's water resources. The law established that all municipal water suppliers must use water more efficiently in exchange for water right certainty and flexibility to help them meet future demand. The Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Rule is part of this law and requires municipal water suppliers to report their goals and progress each year.

In early 2021, Renton hosted a public forum and updated the WUE goals as part of the Water System Plan Update. The city has proposed the following measurable goals:

1. Reduce DSL to 10 percent or less by 2022.
2. Limit the Maximum Daily Demand to Average Daily Demand peaking factor to less than 2.0.
3. Maintain an ERU value under 160 gpd/ERU (gallons per day/Equivalent Residential Unit)

As part of the Saving Water Partnership, the city also supports the regional 2019–2028 WUE goal to keep the total average annual retail water use of SWP members under 110 million gallons per day (mgd) through 2028 despite forecasted population growth by reducing per capita water use.

WATER CONSUMPTION AND LOSSES

RENTON'S TOTAL WATER PRODUCED and purchased in 2020 was 2,510,150,705 gallons. Distribution system leakage (DSL) is reported in the 2020 Water Use Efficiency report to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) as a three-year rolling average, calculated to be 11.1%. Renton's DSL for the 2020 calendar year was 12.3%, or 309,246,324 gallons. This is a 1.3% increase from 2019. Our three-year rolling average increased by 0.6%. DSL reflects the amount of water and potential revenue that has been lost due to water theft, water main breaks and leaks, meter inaccuracies, and other causes.

WATER LOSS CONTROL ACTION PLAN

SINCE THE THREE-YEAR (2018–2020) annual average of the city's distribution system leakage exceeds 10%, we are required by the state to develop and implement a Water Loss Control Action Plan. The city is taking the following actions, among others, to identify and reduce water loss in the distribution system:

- Continue the annual replacement of aging and leaky water mains.
- Conduct leak testing on old underground water reservoirs and repair leaky joints on concrete floors and walls.
- Continue using Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technology to detect leaks.



Salmon-Smart Habits

Summer is peak water use season—the time when rain stops and people use more water in their yards and gardens. It is especially important to conserve water in summer and fall when stream flows are lowest. Your actions can help to protect salmon and their freshwater habitat.

- Never dump oil or other chemicals down storm drains, and make sure no pollutants are leaking that could get washed into waterways (including pressure washing).
- Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of hosing. Put sweepings in the garbage to prevent pollutants and debris from entering streams.
- Use automatic car washes that recycle water and perform proper disposal of detergents.
- Plant native plants and trees to reduce the need for watering, pest control and fertilization; and reap multiple benefits such as controlling erosion, reducing flooding, filtering pollution, and attracting wildlife.
- Use compost as a natural fertilizer on your lawn, flowers, and garden beds. Compost supports healthy plant roots and slowly releases water to plants. Avoid non-organic fertilizers.

Message From the EPA

OUR DRINKING WATER comes from wells and springs. As our water travels through the ground to the wells, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals as well as substances from human activity. 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 Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.



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 healthcare providers. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Reliable Water When You Need It Most

Our COVID-19 Response

THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 RESPONSE in 2020 and 2021, the City of Renton worked diligently to ensure the delivery of safe drinking water to our customers and maintain adequate water supply for fire protection. For community resilience, one of our highest priorities has been to ensure safe and reliable water comes out of the faucet for hand-washing and cleaning. In early March 2020, the City's Water Utility staff implemented continuity of operations planning and took steps to reduce exposure for staff such that our water operations team could keep the system running and protected against pathogens. Our certified water treatment operators are mission critical, continuing to collect water quality samples from the system daily.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water supplies and the current risk to drinking water continues to be low. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends that Americans continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-drinking-water-and-wastewater



Ensuring Water Safety

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the DOH and EPA prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

The Food and Drug Administration and the Washington Department of Agriculture regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Sustainable Gardening: Saving Water This Summer

Creating a Sustainable, Water-Saving Garden this Summer

WATERING YOUR GARDEN

- Avoid evaporation by watering early in the morning and late at night.
- Water deeply, but infrequently. This encourages deep roots.
- Water lawns with one inch of water per week. Or, let areas of your lawn go brown and dormant, but water enough to moisten root zone once a month.

IRRIGATING CORRECTLY

- Inspect your irrigation system for leaks. An unusually green spot in the lawn may be a clue that there is a leak in the system.
- For automatic irrigation systems, install a rain shutoff device.

SELECTING THE RIGHT PLANT

- Pick plants that resist pests and require less water.
- Group plants by their needs. Place plants that need regular watering together so that you don't have to water the whole yard every day.
- Plant native plants and trees to reduce the need for watering, pest control and fertilization, and reap multiple benefits of controlling erosion, reducing flooding, filtering pollution and attracting wildlife.
- Make space for wildlife by planting native species and avoiding invasive and exotic plants. You can also provide a small water source such as a birdbath and leave wild "buffers" of native plants along fencelines, ravines, streams, and shorelines.

USING COMPOST AND MULCH

- Use compost as a natural fertilizer on your lawn, flowers, and garden beds. Compost supports healthy plant roots and slowly releases water to plants.
- Mulch your shrub and tree beds with wood chips, leaves, or bark once per year to conserve water, reduce weeds, feed the soil, and prevent evaporation. Mulch should be several inches deep and one inch away from the plant stems.

Learn more about water-efficient gardening and access other outdoor videos, tips, tools, and rebates to help people preserve our region's water for future generations at savingwater.org.

Water Your Garden with Recycled Water

There are many ways you can recycle the water you use indoors to help water your plants! Here are a few ideas:

Wash your fruits and vegetables in a bowl and pour that water in your garden.

Collect the water left in your glass after meals, and share that leftover water with your plants.

Put a bucket in the shower while your water heats up. Once the water cools, your plants will love a fresh drink of saved water!



SUSTAINABLE GARDENING CLASSES

Gardening class taught by local gardening experts
Learn more at savingwater.org



Renton and the Saving Water Partnership

Renton is a Member of the Saving Water Partnership

RENTON SIGNED AN AGREEMENT to buy water from Seattle Public Utilities in January 2012. As part of this agreement, the City of Renton joined the Saving Water Partnership (SWP). The SWP, which is made up of the City of Renton and 17 water utility partners, set a regional conservation goal: Keep the total average annual retail water use of SWP members under 110 mgd through 2028, despite forecasted population growth, by reducing per capita water use. For 2020, the SWP met the goal, with annual retail water use of members of the SWP at 91.2 mgd.

Together We Provide Water Conservation Programs to the Region

- In 2020, the SWP youth education program conducted 348 in-classroom presentations to over 7,600 K–8 students. Two popular classes were the water cycle and the salmon life cycle. Many classes in 2020 were adapted to a new format and taught to students virtually. In Renton, Nature Vision taught 29 classes to 556 students in 2020 as part of this program.
- The SWP continued the sprinkler timer rebate program. Nearly 50 customers replaced inefficient sprinkler timers with new WaterSense timers.
- The SWP provided rebates for Premium toilets for residential and commercial customers. These fixtures use 1.1 gallons of water per flush (or less), at least 20% less water than a regular WaterSense fixture.
- The Single Family Toilet Rebate Program upgraded 435 toilets to Premium toilet models and the Multifamily Toilet Replacement Program upgraded 88 toilets to Premium models.
- The SWP presented nine Savvy Gardener classes in the spring, summer, and fall of 2020 with 243 attendees. These classes enable gardeners to create and maintain healthy landscapes that are good for families and the environment. Renton hosted three of these classes with a total of 89 participants.



**WATER-SAVING
REBATES
AVAILABLE**

Learn more at
savingwater.org/rebates



Save Water with Indoor Water Conservation Tips

Bathroom Leaks

The faster you fix a leak, the better! Bathrooms are a great place to start looking for leaks since over half of all home water use takes place in the bathroom.

FAUCETS

Turn the faucet on and off. Then, look and listen for water dripping out of the faucet or pooling around the base of the fixture.

SHOWERHEADS

Turn the showerhead on and look for any dripping water or stray sprays at connection points.

TUBS

Turn the tub on, then divert the water to the shower. If there is still a lot of water coming from the tub faucet it may be time to replace the spout diverter.

More Tips for Indoor Water Use

- Scrape, do not rinse, dishes before using a dishwasher.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Choose five-minute showers instead of baths.
- Always run full laundry and dish loads.
- Thaw frozen food in the fridge, not by running water.

Fix Leaks, Prevent Water Waste from Leaking Toilets

Look, listen, and lift the lid to detect toilet leaks.

Look at the bowl of your toilet to see if water flows from the tank when you have not flushed. If water is dribbling into the bowl, you have a leak.

Listen to the tank. If it sounds like it is re-filling even when you haven't flushed, that means you have a leak.

Lift the top off your toilet's tank and check to see if the rubber seal or "flapper" looks worn out. If the rubber is cracking or not creating a complete seal, you have a leak.

You can detect silent leaks with food coloring. Put food coloring or a dye strip in the tank, don't flush, and see if the color appears in the bowl. If it does, you have a leak.

To fix leaks, call a local plumber or do-it-yourself using the videos and tools at: [savingwater.org/how-to-videos](https://www.savingwater.org/how-to-videos). Many of the repairs may be simpler than you think.

Look, listen, and lift the lid to learn if your toilet is leaking.

Running toilets are usually caused by water leaking from the tank to the bowl through the flapper (a rubber valve at the bottom of the tank).



DID YOU KNOW?

Toilets are the #1 water user indoors and often leak-- running toilets can use more water than taking **15 showers a day!**

Visit [savingwater.org](https://www.savingwater.org) for more water-saving tips, tools, and rebates for your home.



Water Quality Topics

Lead and Your 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.

The City of Renton Water Utility 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 two 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 at 800-426-4791 or [epa.gov/safewater/lead](https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

If you flush your tap, you can use the flushed water for watering plants or general cleaning. Hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead. Only use water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Homes built before 1986 are more likely to have lead pipes, fixtures, and solder. The most common problem is brass or chrome-plated brass faucets and fixtures that can leach lead into the water, especially hot water. Until seven years ago, the legal limit for “lead-free” pipes was up to 8% lead. As of January 1, 2014, all newly installed water faucets, fixtures, pipes, and fittings must meet new lead-free requirements, which reduce the amount of lead allowed to 0.25%. However, these requirements do not apply to existing fixtures, such as those found in many older homes.

Lead Prevention in Renton

RENTON WORKS TO PREVENT the corrosion of not only lead, but other metals such as copper and iron. First, the pH of the water is adjusted to prevent the corrosion of household plumbing—the major possible source of lead in our water. Second, in areas of the city with cast iron water mains (West Hill), ortho-polyphosphates are added to prevent corrosion. To make sure this treatment is working, water is periodically tested at residential taps. This testing is in compliance with the DOH’s Lead and Copper Rule. More information is available at doh.wa.gov/leadandcopperrule.

Fluoride

IN 1985, the citizens of Renton voted to have fluoride added to the city’s drinking water. Fluoride levels were adjusted in 2016 to meet the DOH’s new recommended level of 0.7 ppm. More information on fluoride can be found at the CDC at [cdc.gov/fluoridation/faqs](https://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/faqs).

Water Hardness

RENTON’S WATER FALLS within the slightly hard, moderately hard, and hard range, depending upon the customer’s water source within the City. The most recent water hardness testing showed 54 ppm for the downtown wells, 69 ppm for Maplewood, and 125 ppm for Springbrook Springs. A water’s hardness is dependent upon the levels of two naturally occurring soluble minerals—calcium and magnesium. Hard water may cause scale buildup in cooking pans, sinks, and water heaters, and may require using more soap to form a lather. This means that dish washing and clothes washing require relatively less soap than in other areas where the water is hard. If you do not know which water source your drinking water comes from, the water utility can help.

WATER HARDNESS SCALE

Grains/Gal	mg/L & ppm	Classification
Less than 1	Less than 17.1	Soft
1–3.5	17.1–60	Slightly Hard
3.5–7	60–120	Moderately Hard
7–10	120–180	Hard
Over 10	Over 180	Very Hard

Water Quality Topics

Water Quality for Brewers

FOR BREWERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, specific water quality parameters are often of interest. Below are the values for the minerals and parameters generally requested. These numbers are the annual range of values. Renton’s water comes from multiple sources and depending upon your location, you may receive water from one source or a combination of our water sources.

WATER QUALITY PARAMETER	WATER SOURCE – DOWNTOWN WELLS
Average pH (2020)	7.5–7.8
Total hardness as Calcium Carbonate, ppm (2019)	54
Sodium, ppm (2019)	13
Sulfate, ppm (2019)	5.4
Chloride, ppm (2019)	4.1

HISTORICAL DATA

Calcium, ppm (2004)	13
Magnesium, ppm (2004)	3.5

PFAS Chemicals

PFAS IS AN ACRONYM for “per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances.” PFAS are synthetic chemicals used in many consumer products, including food wrappers, fabrics, and carpets, to make them resistant to water, oil, grease, stains, and heat. Certain types of firefighting foam may contain PFAS. Even though PFAS compounds aren’t manufactured in Washington State, there are known cases of PFAS contamination in drinking water linked to the use of firefighting foam.

The EPA has established a health advisory level (HAL) for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctyl sulfonate (PFOS) at 70 parts per trillion (ppt). This is not a regulatory standard, but in Washington state the DOH is currently considering setting a state standard for PFAS. The Renton Water Utility tested for perfluorinated compounds in 2014 and 2015 under an EPA rule for unregulated contaminants. Perfluorinated compounds were not detected in any of the drinking water samples.

For more information, please visit epa.gov/pfas and ecology.wa.gov/pfas.

How Can I Get Involved?

The City of Renton welcomes your interest in its water system. The Renton City Council is the city’s decision-making body and meets on the first four Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.

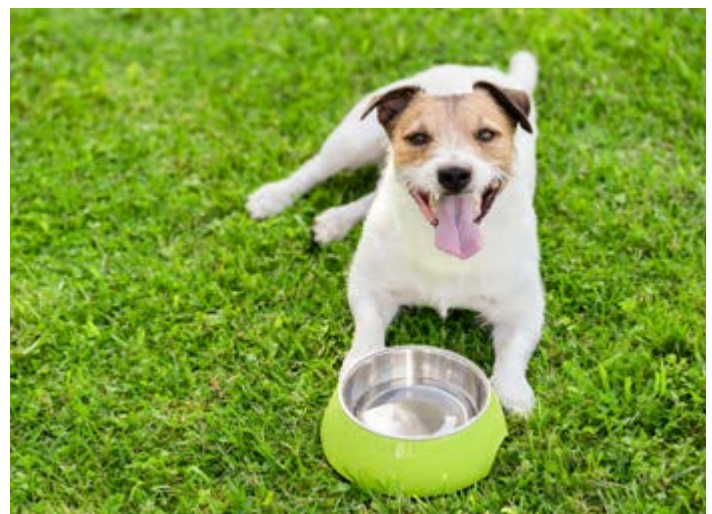
The Utilities Committee oversees Water Utility issues. They meet the first and third Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

At the time of publication, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, councilmembers are attending meetings remotely through Zoom. Public testimony during public hearings and audience comments will be accommodated through Zoom and by telephone, but the public is requested to sign up for such testimony by emailing cityclerk@rentonwa.gov in advance.

Members of the Utilities Committee for 2021 are:

Angelina Benedetti, Chair
Valerie O’Halloran, Vice-Chair
Kim-Khánh Văn, Member

Call the City Clerk’s office at 425-430-6510 for meeting or agenda information, or check the City Council calendar at rentonwa.gov/council.



Lead Testing in Schools

THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH has developed a program to provide voluntary testing for lead in drinking water in elementary schools. For updated information, please visit: doh.wa.gov/LeadInSchools.

2020 Renton Water Quality Results

DOWNTOWN WELLS, SPRINGBROOK SPRINGS, AND MAPLEWOOD WELLFIELD, SAMPLED AT THE SOURCE AFTER TREATMENT

Detected Substance	Year Sampled	MCL	MCLG	Highest Amount (Range)	Possible Sources
Fluoride ¹ (ppm)	2020	4	4	0.8 (0.5–0.8)	Water additive to prevent tooth decay
Nitrate (ppm)	2020	10	10	2.1 (0.3–2.1)	Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks; erosion of natural deposits
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	2018*	80	Not Established	3.7 (ND–3.7)	Disinfection by-products
Arsenic (ppb)	2019*	10	0	1.4 (ND–1.4)	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium ² (ppm)	2019*	Not Established	Not Established	18 (13–18)	Erosion of natural deposits; water treatment

*The water quality information presented is from the most recent testing within the last five years.

SAMPLING POINTS IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Detected Substance	Year Sampled	MCL or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Average Amount (Range)	Possible Sources
Chlorine (ppm)	2020	4 (MRDL)	4 (MRDLG)	1 (0.5–1.6)	Additive to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes** (ppb)	2020	80	Not Established	14 (5.9–21.4)	Disinfection by-products
Haloacetic Acids** (ppb)	2020	60	Not Established	4.6 (1.2–8)	Disinfection by-products

** In 2016, Renton qualified for reduced monitoring for total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids. Sampling occurs at two sites once per year.

RESIDENTIAL WATER TAPS

Detected Substance	Year Sampled	AL	MCLG	90th Percentile*** (Range)	Possible Sources
Lead ³ (ppb)	2019*	15	0	1 (ND–2)	Corrosion of plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper ³ (ppm)	2019*	1.3	1.3	0.17 (0.03–0.23)	Corrosion of plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

*** 90th Percentile: i.e. 90 percent of the samples were less than the values shown.

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE 4 (UCMR4) SAMPLING RESULTS

Includes sampling at the source before treatment, at the source after treatment, and in the distribution system

Detected Substance	Year Sampled	MRL ⁴	Average Amount (Range)	Possible Sources
Manganese (ppb)	2019*	0.4	0.6 (0.5–0.7)	Erosion of natural deposits
Bromide (ppb)	2019*	20	32 (ND–32)	Naturally present in the environment
HAA5 (ppb)	2019*	0.2	5.5 (3.4–7.5)	Disinfection by-products
HAA6Br (ppb)	2019*	0.3	3.3 (3.1–3.5)	Disinfection by-products
HAA9 (ppb)	2019*	0.2	8.3 (5.9–10.6)	Disinfection by-products

1. Renton measures fluoride levels daily in the distribution system. Beginning in April 2016, Renton lowered the fluoride level to 0.7 ppm, which is the new level recommended by the Washington State Department of Health. Renton citizens voted to add fluoride to the drinking water in 1985.
2. The EPA recommends 20 ppm as a level of concern for people on a sodium-restricted diet. Renton adds sodium hydroxide to prevent corrosion of plumbing. Sodium hypochlorite is added to water from the Maplewood wells for disinfection and to remove naturally occurring ammonia.
3. There were 30 samples tested for lead and copper. All of the samples tested had levels far below the Action Levels for both lead and copper.
4. The EPA has established MRLs for UCMR4 based on the capability of the analytical method and therefore states the lowest detection limit of the instrument. It is not based on a level established as "significant" or "harmful." The detection of a UCMR4 contaminant does not represent cause for concern in and of itself. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to help EPA determine their occurrence in drinking water and potential need for future regulation.



Your Water is Safe
 Water from the City of Renton Water Utility and Seattle Public Utilities meet all regulatory standards, ensuring that your water is safe to drink.

Seattle Public Utility's Masonry Pool in the Cedar River Watershed

2020 SPU Water Quality Results

SINCE 2012, the city has purchased water from Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) to serve the Renton Boeing plant and as a backup supply during summer peak use periods. Results of the 2020 water quality monitoring requirements performed by SPU for the Cedar River and Tolt River sources are shown below.

SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITIES WATER QUALITY RESULTS

Detected Substance	EPA's Allowable Limits		Levels in Cedar Water		Levels in Tolt Water		Possible Sources
	MCL	MCLG	Average	Range	Average	Range	
RAW WATER							
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	TT	NA	0.7	0.3–1.1	1.15	1.0–1.3	Naturally present in the environment
FINISHED WATER							
Turbidity (NTU)	TT	NA	0.3	0.15–3.1	0.04	0.02–0.18	Soil runoff
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	0.4	0.4–0.5	0.4	0.3–0.5	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppb)	2000	2000	1.5	1.4–1.7	1.2	1.1–1.3	Erosion of natural deposits
Bromate (ppb)	10	0	0.2	ND–5	ND	ND	Disinfection by-products
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.7	0.6–0.8	0.7	0–0.8	Water additive to prevent tooth decay

DEFINITIONS

AL: Action Level – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

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 contaminants.

MRL: Minimum Reporting Level

NA: Not Applicable

ND: Not Detected

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit – Turbidity is a measure of how clear the water looks. The turbidity MCL that applied to the Cedar supply in 2020 is 5 NTU, and for the Tolt supply it was 0.3 NTU for at least 95% of the samples in a month. 100% of Tolt samples in 2020 were below 0.3 NTU.

ppb: 1 part per billion = 1 ug/L = 1 microgram per liter. 1 ppm = 1000 ppb.

ppm: 1 part per million = 1 mg/L = 1 milligram per liter. 1 ppm = 1000 ppb.

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



How Can We Help You?

Questions about this report:

Water Utility Engineering at 425-430-7287

Water discoloration, taste, or odor:

Water Quality at 425-430-7400
(7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) or 425-430-7500
after hours or weekends

To report water pressure problems, water leaking in the streets, or water leaking at a meter:

Water Maintenance at 425-430-7400 (7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.)
or 425-430-7500 after hours or weekends

If you are moving and need to arrange for a change of water service, or for general billing questions:

Utility Billing at 425-430-6852

EMERGENCIES: CALL 911

THIS REPORT is written and distributed in compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, which requires water utilities to provide annual “consumer confidence” reports to their customers. You will find in this report: where our drinking water comes from; what minerals or chemicals it contains; how it compares to stringent water quality standards; what Renton is doing to protect our water supply; and what we are doing to wisely use and conserve our regional water supply. Hopefully this report will help you better understand your drinking water. We assure you that providing high quality and safe drinking water is one of Renton’s highest priorities.

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate it for you, or speak with someone who understands it.

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

Tài liệu này có tin tức quan trọng về nước uống của quý vị. Hãy nhờ người dịch cho quý vị, hoặc hỏi người nào hiểu tài liệu này.

此报告包含有关您的饮用水的重要信息。请人帮您翻译出来，或请看懂此报告的人将内容说给您听。

Warbixintan waxay wadataa macluumaad muhiim ah ee la xiriira biyaha aad cabtid. Cid ha kuu tarjunto ama la hadl cid fahmaysa.

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**WATER QUALITY REPORTS
CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT:**

rentonwa.gov/waterquality