

Annual Water Quality Report

Fayette County Water System

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This report includes data collected between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007

Source of Water

Fayette County Water System gets its water from several sources. The surface water sources are: Lake Kedron, Lake Peachtree, Lake Horton, Line Creek, Starr's Millpond and the Flint River. The well water sources are all in the crystalline aquifer. The purchase water sources can be the City of Atlanta, City of Fayetteville and Clayton County Water Authority.

Treatment Process

Alum and lime are added to the water taken from the surface water sources to cause the finely divided mud particles to clump together so that the mud and other particles will settle to the bottom of the settling tanks by gravity. The clear water is filtered and disinfected with chlorine to make the water biologically safe. The pH is adjusted by adding lime, phosphate is added to make the water non-corrosive, and fluoride is added to prevent dental cavities. The groundwater from wells is treated with chlorine, soda ash, and phosphate. Fluoride is also added.

Important Information About the Safety of Your Drinking Water

All water sources, including lakes such as ours, are fed by water that passes over the surface of the land or through the ground. The water dissolves naturally occurring minerals and materials and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain substances in water provided by public water systems.

The Atlanta Regional Commission prepared a Source Water Assessment, an assessment for potential pollution of surface drinking water supply sources, for the Water System. This assessment showed the Horton Creek watershed, our major source for drinking water, to be low for pollution susceptibility, and Line Creek, Flat Creek and Whitewater Creek to be medium for pollution susceptibility. A copy of a summary of this report is available upon request and the entire report is available for review at our office during regular business hours.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some substances (contaminates). The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate 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).

We are pleased to report to you that the drinking water supplied by the Fayette County Water System is safe. The table inside shows that the drinking water in Fayette County gets an excellent report when compared to health standards. As health scientists learn more about our environment and the effect of substances in the environment on human health, new standards will continue to be set for drinking water. The Fayette County Water System continues to add new technology in order to be able to meet future standards.

Additional Information Sources (web sites about water quality):

- **EPA Office of Water - www.epa.gov/ow**
- **Georgia Department of Natural Resources - www.gadnr.org**
- **American Water Works Association - www.awwa.org**

Drinking Water Analysis

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS

Substances	Sample Frequency	Unit	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Amount Detected	Range	Likely Sources	Violation
Fluoride (a)	Daily 2007	mg/L	4	4	0.82	0.7 - 1.0	Water additive that promotes strong teeth.	No
Lead (b)	Annually 2007	ppb	AL = 15	0	2.5	0 sample sites above AL	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	No
Copper (b)	Annually 2007	mg/L	AL = 1.3	1.3	0.21	0 sample sites above AL	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	No
Nitrate	Annually 2007	mg/L	10	10	0.68	n/d - 0.68	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits.	No

DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS, BY-PRODUCT PRECURSORS AND DISINFECTANT RESIDUALS

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM's) (c)	Quarterly 2007	ppb	80	0	56	0.0 - 100	By-product of drinking water chlorination	No
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA's) (c)	Quarterly 2007	ppb	60	0	44	0.0 - 65	By-product of drinking water chlorination	No
Total Organic Carbons (TOC) (d)	Monthly 2007	n/a	TT ≥ 1	n/a	1.0	0.71 - 1.1	Decay of organic matter in the water withdrawn from water sources such as lakes and streams	No
Chlorite	Monthly 2007	mg/L	1.0	0.8	0.11	0.0 - 0.3	By-product of drinking water chlorination	No
Chlorine (free)	Daily 2007	mg/L	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	1.45	0.05 - 2.2	Drinking water disinfectant	No
Chlorine Dioxide	Daily 2007	ppb	MRDL=800	MRDLG = 800	10	0 - 640	Drinking water disinfectant	No

MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS

Total Coliforms (e)	Daily 2007	%	5% positive samples during a monthly sampling period	0 positive samples during a monthly sampling	0	n/a	Bacteria naturally present in the environment; used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present.	No
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TURBIDITY

Turbidity	Daily 2007	NTU	TT = 1 NTU	n/a	0.18	n/a	Soil runoff	No
		%	TT = 95% of samples ≤ 0.3 NTU each month	n/a	100	n/a		

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water.

We monitor turbidity because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

Information about Lead in Drinking Water

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 Fayette County Water System 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>.

Notice to Immuno-Compromised People

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people (such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some older adults and infants) may be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA and the Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)**.

How to Read the Report

WORD, ACRONYM, SYMBOL, OR NOTE	DEFINITION
AL	Action Level means the concentration of a substance that triggers a treatment or other requirement that a water system must follow.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level or Maximum Allowed is the highest amount of a substance (contaminant) allowed in drinking water by EPA.
MCLG	Maximum contaminant level goal or Goal is the ideal goal below which there is no known or expected risk to health. Highest levels are reported to determine compliance. Some are individual readings. Others that are running averages are noted.
n/a	Not applicable
n/d	Not detected
NTU	Nephelometric turbidity units
mg/L	Milligram per liter means 1 part per 1,000,000. One liter is slightly more than a quart.
ppb	Parts per billion means 1 part per 1,000,000,000 (same as micrograms per liter)
TT	Treatment Technique means a required treatment or process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
(a)	Fluoride is added in treatment to bring the natural level to the EPA optimum of 0.8 mg/L.
(b)	Water from the treatment plant does not contain lead and copper. However under EPA test protocol, water is tested at the tap. Tap tests show that where a customer may have lead pipes or lead-soldered copper pipes, the water is not corrosive. This means the amount of lead and copper absorbed by the water is limited to safe levels.
(c)	The average detected is based on a system-wide, 4 quarter running average of several samples, as required by EPA testing protocol. The range is the quarterly average of several samples.
(d)	TOC is a calculated removal ratio and is reported for compliance as a running annual average, computed quarterly.
(e)	From 76 to 120 samples are tested each month. No more than 5% can be positive for Total Coliforms.
≤	Less than or equal to
≥	Greater than or equal to

BLENDING OF THE WATER SUPPLY

Supplier	Gallons	Percent
City of Atlanta	25,105,421	0.70%
Fayetteville	1,833,470	0.05%
Clayton County	0	0%
Wells (4)	43,473,500	1.22%
Water Plants (2)	<u>3,498,817,000</u>	<u>98.03%</u>
Total	3,569,229,391	100%

Copies of the City of Atlanta, City of Fayetteville and Clayton County Water Authority water quality reports are available upon request.

ABOUT FAYETTE COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

The Fayette County Water System (#1130001) is operated as an enterprise fund by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners. The revenue generated by the Water System from water payments and meter charges is used to operate the Water System on a daily basis to ensure safe and adequate drinking water for Fayette County customers. The Board has appointed a Water Committee to review and make recommendations concerning the Water System. The Water Committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at 245 McDonough Road, Fayetteville. Approval of the budget, projects and operations of the Water System is by the Board of Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meetings, which are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and the first Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

The Water System currently has 63 employees managed by the Director and a staff of assistants. State certified operators perform a variety of laboratory tests to ensure the safety of our drinking water. The Distribution team maintains and repairs a variety of different size water lines in the County. They also install new services and run water line extensions as necessary. The administrative office handles all customer related issues such as payment collection, processing and mailing bills to our more than 27,000 customers, answering customer questions and complaints, handling payments and tracking construction projects. Meter reading and billing are done monthly.

The Water System purchased water from the City of Atlanta and Fayetteville in 2007. Copies of their Consumer Confidence Report will be available at the Water System office for public information.

The Water System operates three reservoirs that are open to the public. Lake Kedron is in Peachtree City, Starr's Millpond is on Highway 85 South of Fayetteville and Lake Horton is in South Fayette County. Sailboats, row boats and canoes are allowed in Lake Kedron and Lake Horton. Only electric motors are allowed. Fishing license is required and all Georgia Fish and Game rules apply. Docks and boat ramps are available at Lake Kedron and Lake Horton. There are 2.8 miles of scenic walking trails at Lake Horton.

The Water System complies with the State watering restriction program. Under Level Four Drought Conditions there is limited outside watering.

The Water System is preparing for the future. The six million gallon a day South Fayette Water Treatment Plant opened on July 17, 2001. This water plant will eventually produce 18 million gallons of water a day. An additional two million gallon water tank at Ellis Road was completed. The Water System has acquired two additional water tank sites. The 404 permit for Lake McIntosh has been issued. The project has started with the dam design, timber cutting and an archeological site project in progress.

The Water System has additional information available on the Web at www.fayettecountyga.gov. If you have questions about this Consumer Confidence Report, you can call Tony Parrott at 770-461-1146 ext. 6016 or Customer Service at 770-461-1146 ext. 6450.