

ROCK CREEK WATER DISTRICT

2026 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

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**ROCK CREEK WATER DISTRICT IS A
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
THAT IS COMMITTED TO
EXCELLENCE IN:**

- CUSTOMER SERVICE
- WATER QUALITY
- SERVICE DEPENDABILITY
- MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR
CUSTOMERS FOR TODAY AND FOR THE
FUTURE

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS:

EVERY 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.
TOTALLY FREE CONFERENCE CALL. CALL
WATER DISTRICT FOR CURRENT
CONFERENCE NUMBER.

WATER SOURCE:

THE DISTRICT WATER SOURCE COMES
FROM A SPRING, WHICH IS A TRIBUTARY OF
ROCK CREEK. THE WATER COLLECTED IN
AN OPEN RESERVOIR IS GRAVITY FED TO
THE DIATOMACEOUS EARTH FILTRATION
TREATMENT PLANT. THE CLEAN, FILTERED
WATER IS THEN PUMPED INTO A 200,000
GALLON STORAGE TANK AND IS THEN
GRAVITY FED TO YOU, OUR CUSTOMERS.

HISTORY:

ROCK CREEK HIDEOUT WATER COMPANY
BECAME ROCK CREEK WATER DISTRICT IN
1998.

ON MARCH 2001, A NEW DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEM, TREATMENT/FILTRATION PLANT,
AND A 200,000 GALLON TANK WERE
INSTALLED, ALONG WITH METERS AND
STATE-APPROVED BACKFLOW DEVICES.

BACKFLOW DEVICES ARE TESTED
ANNUALLY BY A STATE CERTIFIED
INSPECTOR.

2026 UPDATE:

ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR REAL ESTATE IN THE DISTRICT, WITH SEVERAL PLACES CHANGING OWNERSHIP AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS. SO, WE WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND BOARD MEMBERS. IN DECEMBER OF 2024 AND JANUARY OF 2025 WE HAD A DROP IN CHLORINATION RATE. DURING FEBRUARY 2025 WE RETURNED TO COMPLIANCE AND REMAIN IN COMPLIANCE. TESTING FOR TOTAL COLIFORMS AND E.COLI HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE NEGATIVE. THE 2025 TESTING FOR LEAD AND COPPER WERE ALSO NEGATIVE FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTED BY THE ROCK CREEK WATER DISTRICT. THIS DOES NOT POSE A THREAT TO THE QUALITY OF OUR WATER SUPPLY.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

STATEMENT ABOUT LEAD IN DRINKING WATER:

“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. ROCK CREEK WATER DISTRICT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY DRINKING WATER AND REMOVING LEAD PIPES BUT CANNOT CONTROL THE VARIETY OF MATERIALS USED IN PLUMBING COMPONENTS IN YOUR HOMES. YOU SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM THE LEAD IN YOUR HOME PLUMBING. YOU CAN TAKE RESPONSIBILITY BY IDENTIFYING AND REMOVING LEAD MATERIALS WITHIN YOUR HOME PLUMBING AND TAKING STEPS TO REDUCE YOUR FAMILY’S RISK. BEFORE DRINKING TAP WATER, FLUSH YOUR PIPES FOR SEVERAL MINUTES BY RUNNING YOUR TAP, TAKING A SHOWER, DOING LAUNDRY OR A LOAD OF DISHES. YOU CAN ALSO USE A FILTER CERTIFIED BY AN AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE ACCREDITED CERTIFIER TO REDUCE LEAD IN DRINKING WATER. IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR WATER AND WISH TO HAVE YOUR WATER TESTED, CONTACT ROCK CREEK WATER DISTRICT AT 503-879-2681. INFORMATION ON LEAD IN DRINKING WATER, TESTING METHODS, AND STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO MINIMIZE EXPOSURE IS AVAILABLE AT <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead> .”

STATEMENT ABOUT CONTAMINANTS IN DRINKING WATER:

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;
 - 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.

TESTING:

ROCK CREEK WATER DISTRICT ROUTINELY MONITORS CONSTITUENTS IN YOUR DRINKING WATER ACCORDING TO FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS. THE FOLLOWING DATA SHOWS THE TESTING RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2025.

ALL DRINKING WATER, INCLUDING BOTTLED WATER, MAY BE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO CONTAIN AT LEAST SMALL AMOUNTS OF SOME CONSTITUENTS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE PRESENCE OF THESE CONSTITUENTS DOES NOT NECESSARILY POSE A HEALTH RISK. SOME MAY BE MORE VULNERABLE TO CONTAMINANTS IN DRINKING WATER THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION. IMMUNE-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 OF THE 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 EPA SAFE DRINKING WATER HOTLINE: 1-800-426-4791

TESTING RESULTS

KEY:

AL = ACTION LEVEL

MCL = MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL

MCLG = MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL

NTU = NEPHELOMETRIC TURBIDITY UNITS

PCi/L = PICOCURIES PER LITER (MEASURE OF RADIOACTIVITY)

MRL= "METHOD REPORTING LIMIT"

PPB = PARTS PER BILLION, OR MICROGRAMS PER LITER

PPT = PARTS PER TRILLION, OR NANOGRAMS PER LITER

PARTS PER QUADRILLION, OR PICOGRAMS

RESULTS:

Volatile Organics, Regulated

<u>ANALYTE</u>	<u>MCL [mg/L]</u>	<u>ANALYSIS [mg/L]</u>	<u>MRL</u>	<u>DATE ANALYZED</u>
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.2	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.005	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.007	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.07	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.005	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.005	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
Benzene	0.005	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025

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Carbon Tetrachloride	0.005	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.07	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
Dichloromethane	0.005	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
Ethylbenzene	0.7	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
Monochlorobenzene	0.1	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
o-Dichlorobenzene	0.6	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
p-Dichlorobenzene	0.075	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
Styrene	0.1	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	0.005	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
Toluene	1	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.1	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	0.005	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
Vinyl Chloride	0.002	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025
Xylenes, Total	10	ND	0.0005	9/25/2025

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1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane	0.0002	ND	0.0000208	10/4/2025
Ethylene Dibromide	0.00005	ND	0.0000208	10/4/2025
Carbofuran	0.004	ND	0.004	10/4/2025
Vydate	0.1	ND	0.004	10/4/2025
Glyphosate	0.7	ND	0.05	10/4/2025
Chlordane	0.002	ND	0.00024	10/7/2025
Endrin	0.002	ND	0.00001	10/7/2025
BHC-Gamma Lindane	0.0002	ND	0.00001	10/7/2025
Heptachlor	0.0004	ND	0.00001	10/7/2025
Hetpachlor Epoxide	0.0002	ND	0.00001	10/7/2025
Methoxychlor	0.04	ND	0.0001	10/7/2025
Polychlorinated Biphenyls	0.0005	ND	0.00024	10/7/2025
Toxaphene	0.003	ND	0.0003	10/7/2025
2,4,5-TP Silvex	0.05	ND	0.005	10/7/2025
2,4-D	0.07	ND	0.002	10/7/2025

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Dalapon	0.2	ND	0.005	10/10/2025
Dinoseb	0.007	ND	0.001	10/10/2025
Pentachlorophenol	0.001	ND	0.0005	10/10/2025
Picloram	0.5	ND	0.005	10/10/2025
Alachlor	0.002	ND	0.0002	10/10/2025
Atrazine	0.003	ND	0.0003	10/10/2025
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.0002	ND	0.0001	10/10/2025
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	0.006	ND	0.002	10/10/2025
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	0.4	ND	0.004	10/10/2025
Hexachlorobenzene	0.001	ND	0.0004	10/10/2025
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05	ND	0.005	10/10/2025
Simazine	0.004	ND	0.0004	10/10/2025
Endothall	0.1	ND	0.01	10/10/2025
Diquat	0.02	ND	0.005	12/17/2025

DEFINITIONS:

MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL (MCLG): THE LEVEL OF 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 (MCL): THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CONTAMINANT THAT IS ALLOWED IN DRINKING WATER. MCLs ARE SET AS CLOSE TO THE MCLGs AS FEASIBLE USING THE BEST AVAILABLE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY.

MCLs ARE SET TO VERY STRINGENT LEVELS. TO UNDERSTAND THE POSSIBLE HEALTH EFFECTS DESCRIBED FOR MANY REGULATED CONTAMINANTS, A PERSON WOULD HAVE TO DRINK 2 LITERS OF WATER EVERY DAY AT THE MCL FOR A LIFETIME TO HAVE A ONE-IN-A-MILLION CHANCE OF HAVING THE DESCRIBED HEALTH EFFECT.

ACTION LEVEL: THE CONCENTRATION OF A CONTAMINANT WHICH, IF EXCEEDED, TRIGGERS TREATMENT OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHICH A WATER SYSTEM MUST FOLLOW.

NONE DETECTED (ND): AT OR BELOW THE DETECTION LIMITS TESTED.

MG/L: MICROGRAMS PER LITER/PARTS PER BILLION.

PESTICIDE: A SUBSTANCE USED FOR DESTROYING INSECTS OR OTHER ORGANISMS HARMFUL TO CULTIVATED PLANTS OR ANIMALS.

HERBICIDE: A SUBSTANCE THAT IS TOXIC TO PLANTS, USED TO DESTROY UNWANTED VEGETATION.

CONTAMINANT: A POLLUTING OR POISONOUS SUBSTANCE THAT MAKES SOMETHING IMPURE.