



# 2018 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

## SAGUARO WATER COMPANY

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We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

**Water System #10-177**, known as the **Saguaro Water Company**, currently serves approximately 1,183 connections with a **population of approximately 3,312 people** throughout the year. The water is pumped from 3 wells.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Christopher W. Hill, CWH2 Services, LLC, at (520) 904-0741.

**Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the public in general.**

All 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 the water poses a health risk. 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 of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. More information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA *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. 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 that 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** that 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 also may come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, that 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. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

The table of detected contaminants contains many terms and abbreviations that may be unfamiliar. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

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

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The “maximum allowed” is 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.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The “goal” is 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.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** 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.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** 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.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of five NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- **Not Detected (ND) or Below Detection Level (BDL):** Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present. (“<” Symbol for less than, the same as ND or BDL)
- **Not Tested (NT):** Contaminant was not tested.
- **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l):** One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or one penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l):** One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or one penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (pg/l):** One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- **Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (ng/l):** One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or one penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- **PicoCuries per Liter (pCi/l):** A measure of radioactivity in water.
- **Total Organic Carbon (TOC):** A measure of the total amount of carbon in water, present as organic molecules.



- **Treatment Technique (TT):** A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

### **Additional Information**

**Nitrate** in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods-of-time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, and detected nitrate levels are above 5 ppm, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

If **arsenic** is less than 10 ppb, your drinking water meets EPA’s standards. EPA’s standard balances the current understanding of arsenic’s possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to **lead** in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home’s plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home’s water, you may wish to have your water tested. Flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the EPA *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* at 1-800-426-4791.



## **Table of Contaminants**

The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old.

**This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018 unless otherwise noted.**

### Microbiological Contaminants

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Unit	System Result	Violation Yes or No	Sample Date(s)	Likely Contamination Source
Total Coliform Bacteria for Systems that collect ≤40 samples per month	1 positive monthly sample	0	Absent or Present	Absent	No	Jan. – Dec. 2018	Natural in the environment

### Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant	MCL/ MRDL	MCLG/ MRDLG	Units	Average Level Detected & (Range)	Violation Yes or No	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine Residual	4	0	ppm	0.327 (0.19-0.43)	No	Running Annual Average – 2018	Water additive used to control microorganisms
Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	60	0	ppb	(<2.0-1.0)	No	08/23/18	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	80	0	ppb	2.3 (<.5 to .6)	No	08/23/18	By-product of drinking water chlorination

### Lead and Copper

Contaminant	EPA Action Level (AL)	EPA Action Level Goal (ALG)	Units	Maximum Level Detected	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Values	Violation Yes or No	Sample Dates	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	1.3	1.3	ppm	0.36	0.15	No	June 2018	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	15	0	ppb	0	0	No	June 2018	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits

### Radionuclides

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Alpha emitters	15	0	pCi/l	3	No	8/21/17	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium	5	0	pCi/l	1	No	8/21/17	Erosion of natural deposits

### Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected	Violation Yes or No	Sample Dates	Likely Source of Contamination
Antimony	6	6	ppb	<1.0	No	8/21/17	Discharge from petroleum refineries; retardants; ceramics, electronics and other products

Arsenic	10	0	ppb	<1.0	No, Running Annual Average	8/21/17	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electrical production wastes
Asbestos	7	7	MFL	<0.2	No	3/6/14	Decay of asbestos cement water mains and natural deposits
Barium	2	2	ppm	0.037	No	8/21/17	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium	4	4	ppb	<1.0	No	8/21/17	Discharge from metal refineries and chemical factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace and defense industries
Cadmium	5	5	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries and from waste batteries and paints
Chromium	100	100	ppb	<1.0	No	8/21/17	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide	200	200	ppb	<25.0	No	8/21/17	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride	4	4	ppm	0.14	No	8/21/17	Erosion of natural deposits; water added to promotes strong teeth; discharge from steel and aluminum factories
Mercury (inorganic)	2	2	ppb	<.2	No	8/21/17	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from leachate runoff from cropland
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	10	10	ppm	1.5 (1.1 to 2.0)	No	8/21/17	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	1	1	ppm	<0.05	No	3/6/14	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	50	50	ppb	<5.0	No	8/21/17	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from natural deposits
Sodium	3000	3000	ppm	15	No	12/03/18	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from leachate runoff from cropland
Thallium	2	0.5	ppb	<1.0	No	8/21/17	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

### Synthetic Organic Contaminants, including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected/Range	Violation Yes or No	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
2,4-D	70	70	ppb	<0.1	No	8/21/17	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50	50	ppb	<0.2	No	8/21/17	Residue of banned herbicide
Alachlor	.5	.5	ppb	<0.1	No	8/21/17	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Atrazine	3	3	ppb	<0.05	No	8/21/17	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Benzo (a) pyrene (PAH)	200	0	ppt	<20	No	8/21/17	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines
Carbofuran	40	40	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and other crops
Chlordane	2	0	ppb	<0.1	No	8/21/17	Residue of banned termiticide
Dalapon	200	200	ppb	<1.0	No	8/21/17	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate	400	400	ppb	<0.6	No	8/21/17	Discharge from chemical factories
Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	6	0	ppb	<0.6	No	8/21/17	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
Dibromochloropropane 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane	200	0	ppt	<10	No	8/21/17	Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans, cotton, pineapples, and other crops
Dinoseb	7	7	ppb	<0.2	No	8/21/17	Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and other vegetables

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected/Range	Violation Yes or No	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Diquat	20	20	ppb	<0.4	No	8/21/17	Runoff from herbicide use
Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	0	ppq	<5.0	No	10/19/16	Emissions from waste incineration and combustion; discharge from chemical factories
Endothall	100	100	ppb	<5.0	No	8/21/17	Runoff from herbicide use
Endrin	2	2	ppb	<0.01	No	8/21/17	Residue of banned insecticide
Ethylene dibromide	50	0	ppt	<10.0	No	8/21/17	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Glyphosate	700	700	ppb	<6.0	No	8/21/17	Runoff from herbicide use
Heptachlor	400	0	ppt	<10	No	8/21/17	Residue of banned temiticide
Heptachlor epoxide	200	0	ppt	<10	No	8/21/17	Breakdown of heptachlor
Hexachlorobenzene	1	0	ppb	<0.05	No	8/21/17	Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	50	50	ppb	<0.05	No	8/21/17	Discharge from chemical factories
Lasso	2		ppb	<0.01	No	8/21/17	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on vegetables, alfalfa, livestock
Lindane	200	200	ppt	<0.2	No	10/19/16	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on lumber, gardens
Methoxychlor	40	40	ppb	<0.05	No	8/21/17	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on vegetables, alfalfa, livestock
Oxamyl	200	200	ppb	<.5	No	8/21/17	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on potatoes and tomatoes
PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls]	500	0	ppt	<100	No	10/19/16	Runoff from landfills; discharge of waste
Pentachlorophenol	1	0	ppb	<0.04	No	8/21/17	Discharge from wood preserving factories
Picloram	500	500	ppb	<0.10	No	8/21/17	Herbicide runoff
Simazine	4	4	ppb	<0.05	No	8/21/17	Herbicide runoff
Toxaphene	3	0	ppb	<0.50	No	8/21/17	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cattle

### Volatile Organic Contaminants

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected/Range	Violation Yes or No	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Benzene	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from factories; leaching from tanks and landfills
Carbon tetrachloride	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from chemical plants and other activities
Chlorobenzene	100	100	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from chemical and agricultural factories
o-Dichlorobenzene	600	600	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
p-Dichlorobenzene	75	75	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2-Dichloroethane	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	7	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	70	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	100	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Dichloromethane	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
1,2-Dichloropropane	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from industrial chemical factories

Ethylbenzene	700	700	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Styrene	100	100	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories from landfills
Tetrachloroethylene	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from factories and dry cleaners
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70	70	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from textile-finishing factories

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected/Range	Violation Yes or No	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	200	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and factories
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5	3	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Trichloroethylene	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and factories
Toluene	1000	1	ppb	<0.5	No	8/21/17	Discharge from petroleum factories
Vinyl Chloride	2	0	ppb	<0.3	No	8/21/17	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from factories
Total Xylenes	10	10	ppm	<0.0005	No	8/21/17	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. There was no elective contaminant monitoring that occurred in 2018 at the Saguaro Water Co.

**There were no monitoring or reporting violations at the Saguaro Water Company in 2018.**

**This year's CCR serves as notice that Public Notification pursuant to R18-4-105.F as been served to all customers of this public water system and to the State of Arizona, Department of Environmental Quality, June 2019.**