

# 2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report



City of Sunrise  
Utilities Department

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**The City of Sunrise Utilities Department treats one of the most important resources in the world: your water.**

*We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking 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. 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.*

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Para preguntas o asistencia en Espanol por favor  
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(954) 389-4321

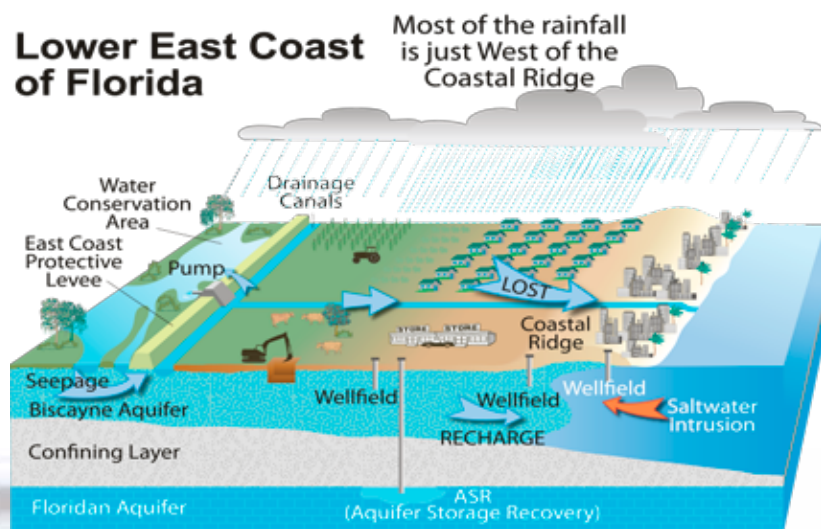


## Your Drinking Water Process

Our water source is from groundwater wells that draw from the Biscayne Aquifer. The groundwater wells are 70 to 90 feet deep and draw water from this aquifer, which is replenished by rainwater. South Florida's topography creates a very effective purification system by filtering water through many feet of soil, sand, and rock. Although the Biscayne Aquifer is prolific, it is not limitless. With the increased pressure of a growing population and a focus on restoration of the Everglades, the competition for water in South Florida is stronger than ever. It's easy to see why we should be thinking about our water supply and how we can conserve this precious resource.



Treatment of your water includes state of the art membrane softening at the Sawgrass Water Treatment Plant and lime softening and filtration at the Springtree Water Treatment Plant. Treated water from both facilities is combined and stored to meet peak demand periods. Chlorine and ammonia are added for disinfection and fluoride is added for dental health purposes.



### CONSERVATION TIP:



- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Never use your toilet as a wastebasket.



## Did You Know...

- The City of Sunrise and the City of Weston Utilities Department provides water service to approximately 215,000 people within the cities of Sunrise, Weston, Southwest Ranches, and Davie.
- The City produces on average about 30 million gallons per day of drinking water.
- South Florida residents consume 179 gallons per person per day – the highest water usage in the state.
- Outdoor irrigation accounts for up to 50 percent of water use in Florida, and up to 50 percent of the water applied to lawns is lost to evaporation or runoff.
- Running a full load of

dishes in a dishwasher saves water over washing the same dishes by hand.

- A high efficiency washing machine can save more than 50 percent in water and energy use.
- Toilet leaks can be detected by adding food coloring to the tank water. If the colored water appears in the bowl (without flushing), the toilet is leaking.

### CONSERVATION TIP:



- Turn the water off while shaving or brushing your teeth.



## Understanding the Water Quality Data

We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets all Federal and State requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Ted Petrides at (954) 888-6035. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled City of Weston Commission meetings. They are held generally the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at Weston City Hall,

17200 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston, FL 33326. Meeting date and time are subject to change or cancellation, please confirm prior to attendance, 954-385-2000.

The City of Sunrise Utilities Department routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period January 1 to December 31, 2009.



Data obtained before January 1, 2009 and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the following table you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions.

**Maximum Contaminant Level**

**or MCL:** 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 or MCLG:**

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.

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

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or 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.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or 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.

**N/A** means not applicable, does not apply.

**ND** means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

**Parts per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter (µg/l)** – one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

**Parts per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/l)** – one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

**Picocurie per Liter (pCi/L)** – measure of the radioactivity in water.

## Potential Contaminants in Source Water

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:

**(A)** Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**(B)** 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.

**(C)** Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

**(D)** 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, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**(E)** Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 Sunrise Utilities Department 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>.

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

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. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.



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To determine how the quality of your drinking water compares to government standards, compare the "Level Detected" column with the maximum allowed "MCL" column.

Contaminant (Unit of Measurement)	Year Tested	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected (Sawgrass/Springtree WTPs Combined)		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>							
Total Coliform Bacteria (Highest Monthly %)	2009	N	4.7		0	5	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Radiological Contaminants</b>							
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	2009	N	<1.2 +/- 0.9		0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	2009	N	1.3 +/- 0.7		0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (ug/L)	2009	N	<1.2		0	30	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Barium (ppm)	2009	N	0.00846		2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	2006	AL Exceeded? N	90th Percentile Result = 0.093	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL = 0	1.3	Action Level (AL) = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride (ppm)	2009	N	0.8 Average (Range 0.6 to 1.0)		4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at optimum levels between 0.7 and 1.3 ppm
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	2006	AL Exceeded? N	90th Percentile Result = 1.6	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL = 0	0	Action Level (AL) = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	2009	N	33.8		N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
<b>Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products</b>							
Chlorine (ppm)	2009	N	2.4		MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	2009	N	0.762		N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	2009	N	2.91		N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection



## Immuno-compromised Persons

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. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We at the City of Sunrise Utilities Department would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.



## Source Water Assessments

In 2009 the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells.

Potential sources of contamination are those facilities, sites, and activities that have the potential to affect the underlying ground water aquifers or nearby surface waters used for public drinking water supply. Many of these potential sources are regulated by DEP and the location and status of these sites are maintained within DEP databases. By utilizing in-house databases and a geographical information system (GIS), DEP can access and illustrate the relationships of potential contaminant sources to the approximately 12,000 public water supply intakes in Florida. It should be noted

that the potential sources of contamination identified by this assessment project are just that: potential sources. Many of these facilities are regulated and operate under stringent construction and maintenance requirements designed to protect both human health and the environment. The purpose of conducting the source water assessments is to provide information that will lead to actions to reduce current risks or avoid future problems.

There are 55 potential sources of contamination identified ranging from low to high susceptibility level. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at [www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp) or they can be obtained from Ted Petrides at (954) 888-6035.

### CONSERVATION TIP:



- Water the garden during the coolest part of the day (early morning is best).
- Use mulch around shrubs and plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and cut down on weed growth.

### CONSERVATION TIP:



- Place a plastic container filled with water in the tank of your toilet. Be sure it does not interfere with operation of the toilet's flushing apparatus.



## Precautionary Boil Water Notices

As part of ongoing efforts to protect the health of our communities, the state of Florida has developed rules that regulate how water utilities respond to water main breaks. According to the rules, if a water main breaks and its interior is exposed to groundwater, soil, or other foreign matter, a Precautionary Boil Water notice must be issued in the affected area.

As the name implies, this is a precautionary measure, and more importantly, such a response is not necessary for most water leaks.

We understand that precautionary boil water notices can be a major inconvenience and we make every effort to avoid them. In the rare event that a significant break does occur, notices are distributed immediately through a high-speed telephone notification system. A notice is lifted a minimum of 24 hours after its release and only after bacteriological testing confirms the water is safe to drink. We care about your safety and encourage you to follow the precautionary notice should one be issued in your area.

If you are listed in the telephone directory, you are automatically included on our call list. However, if you have an unlisted phone number, have had your services activated in the last six months, or if you use a cell phone as your primary telephone, **please take a moment to register your contact information with us.**

Call Ted Petrides at (954) 888-6035 or register online at [www.sunrisefl.gov/subscriptions.jsp](http://www.sunrisefl.gov/subscriptions.jsp).



### CONSERVATION TIP:

- Raise your lawn mower cutting height. Longer grass blades reduce evaporation.
- Use an automatic shut-off nozzle on hoses. Ten gallons of water per minute can be lost through hoses.



## Did You Know...

The City of Sunrise and the City of Weston supports the all-year, two-day-a-week landscape irrigation restrictions imposed by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the Broward County Environmental Protection Department and Growth Management.

In order to help manage our water resources, the City is implementing a Water Conservation Program; planning for the development and funding of alternative water supply projects; and focusing on other critical renewal and replacement initiatives.

An overview of the residential restrictions is provided. For additional details, residents and business owners are invited to visit the SFWMD

Web site.

Residential Water-Use Restrictions:

For homes with addresses that end in an ODD number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), lawn watering is permitted on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 12:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and/or between 4:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.

For homes with addresses that end in an EVEN number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), lawn watering is permitted on Thursdays and Sundays between 12:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and/or between 4:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.

No restrictions apply to other outside water uses, such as for car and boat washing, or pressure cleaning. The use of water for fire fighting, safety, sanitation, health, medical and other essential purposes is not restricted.

### CONSERVATION TIP:

- When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. They're more water and energy efficient.



## **Director of Public Works**

Brad Kaine  
954-385-2600

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### **Water billing and usage inquiries:**

Sunrise Customer Services Center  
954-746-3232

Para preguntas sobre factures o desgastes,  
Favor comunicarse con el Servicio al Cliente al  
954-746-3232

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### **Weston Public Works Services Center:**

For water main and water meter inquiries  
954-385-2600

Centro De Servicios Publicos:  
Para preguntas sobre la tuberia principal  
o el contador de agua, favor del llamar al  
954-385-2600

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### **PROBLEMS (PROBLEMAS)**

Bonaventure area of Weston..... 954-888-6087  
After hours & weekends  
for Bonaventure.... 954-888-6087

Indian Trace area  
(all areas except Bonaventure)..... 954-385-2600

After hours and weekends  
for Indian Trace..... 954-385-2600



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