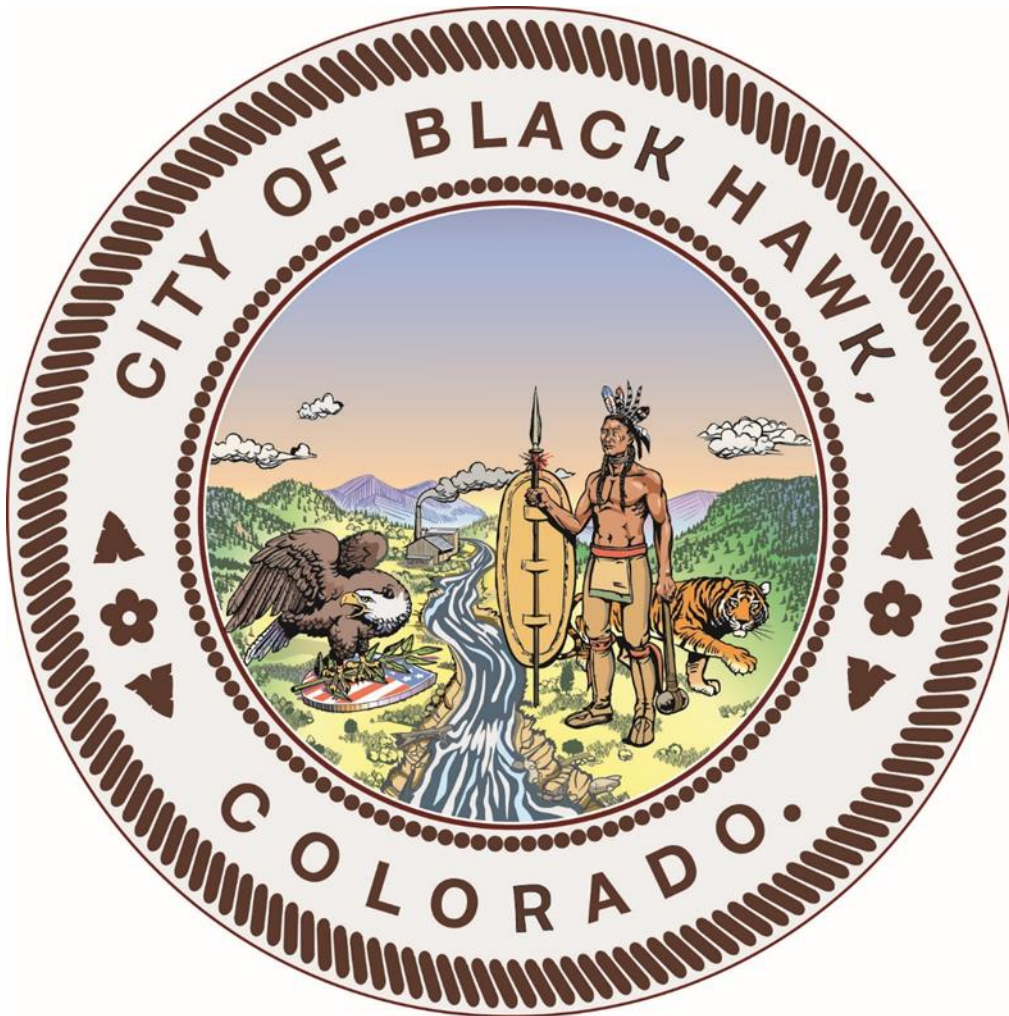


# 2024 City of Black Hawk Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) For Calendar Year 2023

*Public Water System ID: CO-124147*

The purpose of this report is to inform our customers about the high quality of their drinking water and their water system. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want our customers to be informed about where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to stringent Federal water quality standards. The City of Black Hawks drinking water meets and exceeds the strict standards as regulated by the State of Colorado and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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City of Black Hawk Main Number.....303-582-2221  
Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment...303-692-2000  
EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline.....1-800-426-4791  
EPA's Web Site....[www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water)

## General Information

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. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or by visiting [epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](http://epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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. For 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:** viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants:** salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides:** may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants:** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

## 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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. 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 BRADLEY DALLAM at 303-582-2237. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at [epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://epa.gov/safewater/lead).

### Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention

Backflow is the reversed flow of untreated or contaminated water into the City's distribution system through a cross connection. A cross connection is a physical connection of a safe or potable water supply with another water supply of unknown or contaminated quality in which potable water could be contaminated or polluted. State regulations prohibit contaminated sources from entering the public potable water supply through cross connections.

To prevent backflow in plumbing systems, City Code and State Regulations require backflow prevention assemblies to be installed in specific locations in the distribution system. The backflow assembly devices are required to be inspected and tested to meet specific operating and design parameters annually by a certified technician.

## Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP)

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment may have provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply. For general information or to obtain a copy of the report please visit [wqcdcompliance.com/ccr](http://wqcdcompliance.com/ccr). The report is located under "Guidance: Source Water Assessment Reports". Search the table using our system name or ID, or by contacting BRADLEY DALLAM at 303-582-2237. The Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that **could** occur. It **does not** mean that the contamination **has or will** occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help us ensure that quality finished water is delivered to your homes. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan. Potential sources of contamination in our source water area are listed on the next page. Please contact us to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the Drinking Water Quality Report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day.



## **Our Water Sources**

<u><b>Sources (Water Type - Source Type)</b></u>	<u><b>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</b></u>
SPRING WELL G2 (Groundwater UDI Surface Water-Well) COUNTY ROAD SPRING WELL NO 1 (Groundwater UDI Surface Water-Well) COUNTY ROAD SPRING WELL NO 2 (Groundwater UDI Surface Water-Well) DORY HILL ROAD FMG WELL NO 4 (Groundwater UDI Surface Water-Well) DORY HILL RD FMG WELL NO 1 (Groundwater UDI Surface Water-Well) DORY HILL RD FMG WELL NO 2 (Groundwater UDI Surface Water-Well) SPRING WELL H (Groundwater UDI Surface Water-Well) SPRING WELL K (Groundwater UDI Surface Water-Well) SPRING WELL G1 (Groundwater UDI Surface Water-Well) CLEAR CREEK DIVERSION POND (Surface Water-Intake) BLACK HAWK NORTH CLEAR CREEK WELL 3 (Groundwater UDI Surface Water-Well) N CLEAR CREEK FIREHOUSE INTKE (Surface Water-Intake) CLEAR CREEK DIVERSION POND (Surface Water-Intake) NORTH CLEAR CREEK INF GALLERY (Surface Water-Intake) G INTAKE INF GALLERY (Surface Water-Intake) K1 INTAKE INF GAL (Surface Water-Intake)	EPA Superfund Sites, EPA Abandoned Contaminated Sites, EPA Hazardous Waste Generators, EPA Chemical Inventory/Storage Sites, Permitted Wastewater Discharge Sites, Aboveground, Underground and Leaking Storage Tank Sites, Solid Waste Sites, Existing/Abandoned Mine Sites, Other Facilities, Commercial/Industrial/Transportation, High Intensity Residential, Low Intensity Residential, Urban Recreational Grasses, Quarries / Strip Mines / Gravel Pits, Row Crops, Fallow, Pasture / Hay, Deciduous Forest, Evergreen Forest, Mixed Forest, Septic Systems, Oil / Gas Wells, Road Miles

We all live in a watershed, watersheds hold and direct collected water downhill towards rivers, lakes, aquifers, wetlands and the ocean and help provide our water sources. This downward gravity flow of water also carries with it the effects of human activities throughout the watershed. Protection of our watersheds begins with our Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP). The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply.

The most prevalent and most threatening sources of contamination in our water source area comes from: EPA Superfund sites, EPA Abandoned Contaminated Sites, EPA Chemical Inventory/Storage Sites, EPA Hazardous Waste Generator Sites, Permitted Wastewater Discharge Sites, Above Ground/Underground Leaking Storage Tanks, Solid Waste Sites, Existing/Abandoned Mines, Other Facilities, Oil/Gas Wells, Septic Systems, Evergreen Forests and Roadways. There are 3 surface water sources determined to have a rating of Moderately High or High for potential contamination.

Our system has no water source with a rating of Moderately High or High for Physical Setting Vulnerability. Our water sources are Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water (GWUDI) and Surface Water.



### **Terms and Abbreviations**

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Health-Based** – A violation of either a MCL or TT.
- **Non-Health-Based** – A violation that is not a MCL or TT.
- **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
- **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.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (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.
- **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.
- **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- **Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation)** – Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
- **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
- **Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation)** – Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
- **Compliance Value (No Abbreviation)** – Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- **Average (x-bar)** – Typical value.
- **Range (R)** – Lowest value to the highest value.
- **Sample Size (n)** – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
- **Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L)** – One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion = Micrograms per liter (ppb = ug/L)** – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.
- **Level 1 Assessment** – A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment** – A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

## Detected Contaminants

BLACK HAWK CITY OF routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023 unless otherwise noted. The State of Colorado 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. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one-year-old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

**Note:** Only detected contaminants sampled within the last 5 years appear in this report. If no tables appear in this section, then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

### Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System

**TT Requirement:** At least 95% of samples per period (month or quarter) must be at least 0.2 ppm OR

If sample size is less than 40 no more than 1 sample is below 0.2 ppm

**Typical Sources:** Water additive used to control microbes

Disinfectant Name	Time Period	Results	Number of Samples Below Level	Sample Size	TT Violation	MRDL
Chlorine	December, 2023	<u>Lowest period</u> percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	0	15	No	4.0 ppm

### Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Time Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	06/03/2021 to 08/11/2021	0.09	30	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	06/03/2021 to 08/11/2021	12	30	ppb	15	3	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

### Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System

Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	18.41	3.1 to 39.7	16	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	42.67	18.9 to 100.3	16	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorite	2023	0.15	0 to 0.4	36	ppb	1.0	.8	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Total Organic Carbon (Disinfection Byproducts Precursor) Removal Ratio of Raw and Finished Water									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	TT Minimum Ratio		TT Violation	Typical Sources
Total Organic Carbon Ratio	2023	1	1 to 1	4	Ratio	1.00		No	Naturally present in the environment
*If minimum ratio not met and no violation identified then the system achieved compliance using alternative criteria.									
Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Sample Date		Level Found		TT Requirement			TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Date/Month: Dec		<u>Highest single</u> measurement: 0.238 NTU		Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement			No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Month: Dec		<u>Lowest monthly</u> percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100 %		In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.1 NTU			No	Soil Runoff
Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha	2021	1.36	1.36 to 1.36	1	pCi/L	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	2021	1.6	1 to 2.2	2	pCi/L	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Uranium	2021	2	2 to 2	1	ppb	30	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Barium	2023	0.04	0.04 to 0.05	2	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2023	0.34	0 to 0.67	2	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	2023	0.75	0.2 to 1.3	2	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	2023	3	3 to 3	2	ppb	50	50	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines

Volatile Organic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Dichloromethane	2023	0.38	0 to 1.5	4	ppb	5	0	No	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories

**Secondary Contaminants\*\***

\*\*Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin, or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard
Sodium	2023	16.3	15.8 to 16.8	2	ppm	N/A

**Unregulated Contaminants\*\*\***

EPA has implemented the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) to collect data for contaminants that are suspected to be present in drinking water and do not have health-based standards set under the Safe Drinking Water Act. EPA uses the results of UCMR monitoring to learn about the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and to decide whether or not these contaminants will be regulated in the future. We performed monitoring and reported the analytical results of the monitoring to EPA in accordance with its Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR). Once EPA reviews the submitted results, the results are made available in the EPA’s National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD) ([epa.gov/dwucmr/national-contaminant-occurrence-database-ncod](https://epa.gov/dwucmr/national-contaminant-occurrence-database-ncod)) Consumers can review UCMR results by accessing the NCOD. Contaminants that were detected during our UCMR sampling and the corresponding analytical results are provided below.

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure
Lithium	2023	23	ND-23	1	ppb

\*\*\*More information about the contaminants that were included in UCMR monitoring can be found at: [drinktap.org/Water-Info/Whats-in-My-Water/Unregulated-Contaminant-Monitoring-Rule-UCMR](https://drinktap.org/Water-Info/Whats-in-My-Water/Unregulated-Contaminant-Monitoring-Rule-UCMR). Learn more about the EPA UCMR at: [epa.gov/dwucmr/learn-about-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule](https://epa.gov/dwucmr/learn-about-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule) or contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or [epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](https://epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water).

**Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

**No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions**



*"Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh babbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." John 4:13-14*