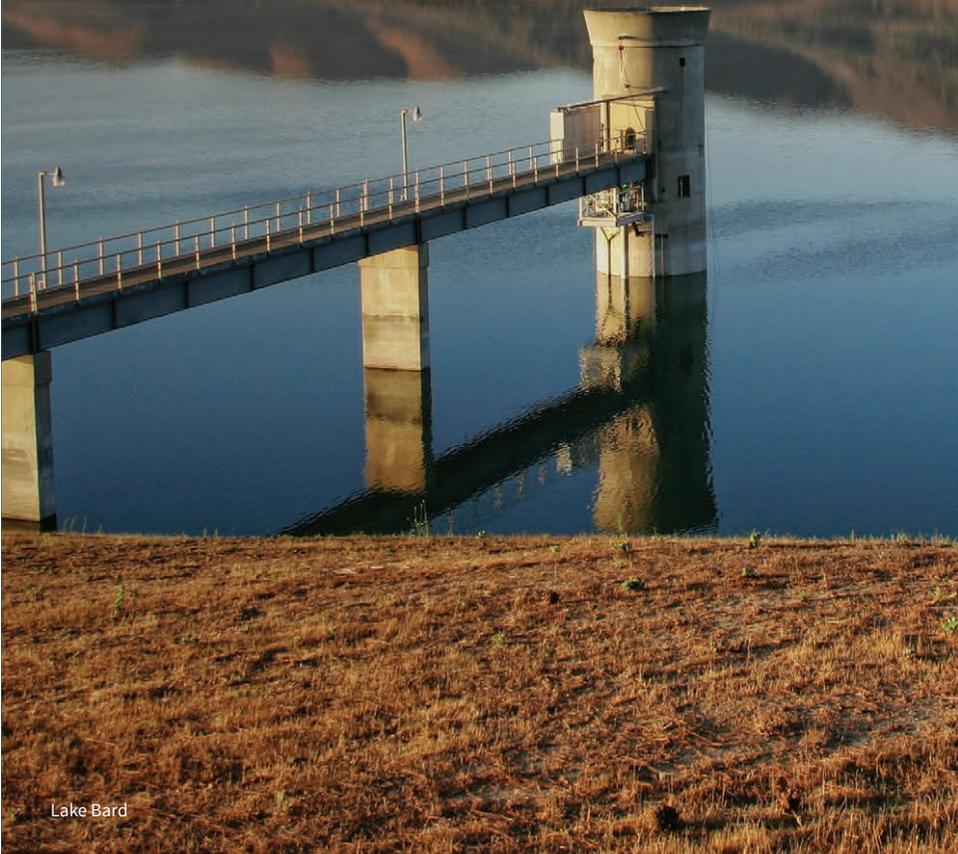


# CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2018

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**The City of Thousand Oaks works hard to provide high quality water!**

**Our Mission** - The City Public Works Department distributes up to 15 million gallons of water each day to roughly 17,000 residences and businesses. Our mission is to provide high quality water that meets the stringent water quality standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The Public Works Department is dedicated to providing you with a dependable supply of safe and high-quality water.

## Thousand Oaks Public Education

The City of Thousand Oaks is pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report, which shows that the City's water supply met or exceeded all state and federal standards in 2018. We are committed to providing you this information in the sincere belief that informed customers are our best partners. Included in this report are details about where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to State standards. The City works very hard with our neighbors, our partners and suppliers to continually improve the quality of the water supply, the protection of our water sources, the dependability of supply and the integrity of our storage and distribution system.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The City of Thousand Oaks drinking water system is managed as an enterprise fund by the elected City Council. Operations are conducted by the Public Works Department. The City Council meets on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM in the Scherr Forum Theater in the Civic Arts Plaza located at 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd.

**For information about Council meeting schedules, please call 805-449-2151.**

For additional information about your drinking water, contact the Water Quality Supervisor in the Public Works Department at 805-449-2499. Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Para mas informacion, puede llamar al 805-449-2499.

# THOUSAND OAKS WATER SOURCE

97% of the City's water supply in 2018 was from the State Water Project. This surface water is imported from Northern California, which originates at Lake Oroville. The water then flows through the Sacramento River Delta system and is then transported via the California Aqueduct to Southern California. It is treated, filtered and disinfected at the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) Jensen Filtration Plant in Granada Hills. Our supply is then piped directly to Thousand Oaks through the transmission facilities of the Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas). Should this supply be interrupted by general maintenance, earthquake or other calamity, Calleguas can also deliver water to the City from their Lake Bard Water Filtration Facility and Reservoir located in the hills between Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley. For several weeks out of the year, the remaining 3% of the City's water supply in 2018 came from the Calleguas Lake Bard Water Filtration Facility and Reservoir.



## Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer who are 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 their drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA and the Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk from infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the US-EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Fluoride:** MWD initiated a Fluoride Optimization Program in November of 2007. Naturally occurring fluoride level ranges from 0.1 to 0.3 mg/L (parts per million). MWD has adjusted the level to the optimal range for dental health of 0.7 mg/L. If you or your children are taking Fluoride supplements, please consult with your dentist or dental healthcare provider for further direction.

**Purity and Contaminants:** 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 risks may also be obtained by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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.

During the year, thousands of tests were conducted on our drinking water for over 150 drinking water constituents and contaminants to ensure the safety of your drinking water. **Prior to filtration and treatment**, contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals that can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**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 run-off, agricultural application and septic systems.

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

**Radiological contaminants** can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**Pesticides and Herbicides** that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater run-off and residential uses.

**Lead** was not detected in the water supply. However, 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 does not use or install lead service lines but cannot control the variety of materials used in private residential 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 the water for drinking or cooking. If you do so, you may wish to collect the flushed water and reuse it for another beneficial purpose, such as watering plants. If you are concerned about lead in your water due to internal plumbing materials, you may wish to have your water tested by a private laboratory. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Lead Sampling at Schools:** Late in 2017, eleven Conejo Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) schools, located in the City's water service area, requested to have their water tested for lead. The testing occurred in 2018 and the results revealed that the eleven schools were below the Maximum Contaminate Level for lead. Please contact the CVUSD if you have any questions about these results (805-497-9511).

More information about contaminants and potential health risks may also be obtained by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

MWD has conducted a source water assessment of its State Water Project supplies. State Water Project supplies are considered to be most vulnerable to urban/storm water runoff, wildlife, agriculture, recreation and wastewater. A copy of the assessment can be obtained by contacting MWD by phone at (213-217-6850).

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the SWRCB prescribes regulations that limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The quality of our drinking water meets all State requirements for safe water.

**Woolsey Fire Impacts:** The Woolsey Fire burned through certain parts of the City's water service area in November of 2018. Fortunately, this did not result in any negative impacts to the City's water system infrastructure or water quality. The City's water personnel worked around the clock to ensure that the water system maintained adequate pressure and supplied enough water for fire fighting activities. City water personnel also conducted extra sampling and testing to ensure that good water quality was maintained as well as communicated regularly with the State's Division of Drinking Water Engineer during the duration of the fire.

# 2018 Water Quality Report

The attached table lists the drinking water contaminants that were detected in the City’s drinking water during 2018. The presence of any of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily constitute a health risk. As you can determine from the results, the quality of the water delivered by the City consistently meets all state standards. The data presented in this table is from testing performed between January 1 and December 31, 2018, unless otherwise noted. State of California Standards are either equal to, or more stringent than federal EPA water quality standards. Therefore, federal MCLs are not listed. Applicable Abbreviations, Definitions and Notes are identified at the conclusion of the Table.

CONTAMINANT	UNITS	STATE MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	RANGE AVERAGE	CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS WATER SUPPLY	POTENTIAL MAJOR SOURCES IF DETECTED IN DRINKING WATER
<b>PRIMARY STANDARDS - MANDATORY HEALTH-RELATED STANDARDS</b>						
<b>CLARITY [a]</b> Combined Filter Effluent Turbidity	NTU	0.3		Highest Value	0.06	Soil runoff
		TT= % of samples ≤0.3 NTU [a]			100%	
<b>MICROBIOLOGICAL [b]</b> Total Coliform Bacteria (State Total Coliform Rule)	% of samples	5%	0	Highest Monthly %	1.5%	Naturally occurring in the environment
Standards for Cryptosporidium, Giardia lamblia, Legionella, viruses and Heterotrophic Plate Count Bacteria are Treatment Techniques (TT) with which Metropolitan and Calleguas comply. There were no detections of E. Coli bacteria in the City’s distribution system in 2018.						

<b>ORGANIC CHEMICALS</b>	
Pesticides/PCBs	28 chemicals were analyzed - none were detected
Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds	8 chemicals were analyzed - none were detected
Volatile Organic Compounds	27 chemicals were analyzed (including MTBE, PCE and TCE) - none were detected

<b>INORGANIC CHEMICALS</b>						
Aluminum	ppb	1000	600	Range/Avg.	ND - 75 / ND	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from water treatment process
Copper [d]	ppm	AL=1.3	0.3	Range/Avg.	90th percentile of 42 samples was 0.140, no samples exceeded the AL.	Internal corrosion of household pipes; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride [c]	ppm	2.0	1	Range Highest RAA	0.6 - 1.2 N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth
Lead [d]	ppb	AL=15	0.2	Range/Avg.	90th percentile of 42 samples was 2.4, no samples exceeded the AL.	Internal corrosion of household pipes; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as N)	ppm	10	10	Range/Avg.	0.5 / 0.5	Runoff & leaching from fertilizer use; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
14 other metals and chemicals were analyzed (including Asbestos, Chromium, Perchlorate, Mercury and Cyanide) none were detected. Copper and Lead were not detected in the water supply.						

<b>RADIONUCLIDES [e] [analyzed every three years, for four consecutive quarters]</b>						
Gross Alpha Particle Activity	pCi/L	15	(0)	Range/Avg.	ND - 3.0 / ND	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium	pCi/L	20	0.43	Range/Avg.	ND - 1.0 / ND	Erosion of natural deposits
4 other radionuclides were analyzed - none were detected						

<b>DISINFECTANT RESIDUALS / DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS</b>						
Bromate [f]	ppb	10	0.1	Range Highest RRA	ND - 6.4 5.2	By-product of drinking water ozonation
Total Chlorine Residual	ppm	MRDL 4	MRDLG 4	Range Highest RRA	1.24 - 2.03 1.73	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
Haloacetic Acids [g] (Including UCMR4)	ppb	60	N/A	Range Highest LRAA	0 - 22.4 5.9	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes [g]	ppb	80	N/A	Range Highest LRAA	12 - 26 17.3	By-product of drinking water disinfection

CONTAMINANT	UNITS	STATE MCL	PHG (MCLG)	RANGE AVERAGE	CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS WATER SUPPLY	POTENTIAL MAJOR SOURCES IF DETECTED IN DRINKING WATER
<b>SECONDARY STANDARDS - Aesthetic Standards</b>						
Aluminum	ppb	200	600	Range/Avg.	ND - 75 / ND	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from water treatment processes
Chloride	ppm	500	N/A	Range/Avg.	54 - 57 / 56	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Color	Units	15	N/A	Range/Avg.	ND - 1 / ND	Naturally occurring organic materials
Odor Threshold	TON	3	N/A	Range/Avg.	1 - 4 / 2	Naturally occurring organic materials
Specific Conductance	µS/cm	1600	N/A	Range/Avg.	428 - 444 / 436	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate	ppm	500	N/A	Range/Avg.	43 - 46 / 44	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	1000	N/A	Range/Avg.	236 - 254 / 243	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
8 other metals and constituents were analyzed - none were detected						

<b>ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS (Unregulated)</b>						
Alkalinity	ppm	NS	NS	Range/Avg.	68 - 76 / 72	
Boron	ppm	NL=1	NS	Range/Avg.	0.1	
Calcium	ppm	NS	NS	Range/Avg.	19 - 21 / 20	
Chlorate	ppb	NL=800	NS	Range/Avg.	29/29	
Corrosivity [h]	AL	NS	NS	Range/Avg.	12/12	
Hardness (Total Hardness)	ppm	NS	NS	Range/Avg.	84-94 / 89	89 ppm = 5.20 grains per gallon (gpg)
Magnesium	ppm	NS	NS	Range/Avg.	9.5 - 9.9 / 9.7	
Manganese (UCMR4)	ppb	50	NL=500	Range/Avg.	1.1 - 3.7 / 2.3	
pH	pH Units	NS	NS	Range/Avg.	8.4 - 8.5 / 8.5	
Potassium	ppm	NS	NS	Range/Avg.	2.4 - 2.5 / 2.4	
Sodium	ppm	NS	NS	Range/Avg.	45 - 46 / 46	
Total Organic Carbon	ppm	TT	NS	Range/Avg.	2.0 - 2.6 / 2.3	
9 other constituents and metals were analyzed including Radon - none were detected						

## ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Below you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**AI** = Aggressiveness Index

**AL** = Federal Regulatory Action Level = The level of contaminant which when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**DBP** = Disinfection By-Product

**LRAA** = Locational Running Annual Average

**MCL** = Maximum Contaminant Level = The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

**MCLG** = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal = The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**MRDL** = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level = The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants

**MRDLG** = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal = The level of 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** = Not Applicable

**ND** = None Detected. Detection Limits for the purposes of reporting (DLRs) available on request.

**NL** = Notification Level

**NS** = No Standard

**NTU** = Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**PHG** = Public Health Goal = The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA).

**PDWS** = Primary Drinking Water Standard = MCLs, MRDLs and treatment techniques (TTs) for contaminants that affect health, along with their monitoring and reporting requirements.

**pCi/L** = Picocuries per liter (units to measure radiation)

**ppm** = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L), equivalent to 1 second in 12 days

**ppb** = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L), equivalent to 1 second in 32 years

**ppt** = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L), equivalent to 1 second in 32,000 years

**RAA** = Running Annual Average

**SDWS** = Secondary Drinking Water Standards = MCLs for contaminants that

affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

**TON** = Threshold Odor Number

**TT** = Standards are Treatment Techniques with which Metropolitan and Calleguas are in compliance

**UCMR4** = Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule 4. In 2018, the City began sampling for unregulated contaminants as required by the USEPA in the UCMR4. The City sampled and tested its water supply for various metals, pesticides, alcohols, semi-volatile compounds and haloacetic acids. Only manganese and some forms of haloacetic acids were detected and the results are reflected in the data table above. To learn more about the UCMR4 requirement please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/dwucomr/fourth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>

**µS/cm** = micro Siemen per Centimeter (to measure conductivity)

### Footnotes:

**[a]** The turbidity level of the filtered water shall be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in 95% of the measurements taken each month and shall not exceed 1.0 NTU at any time. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

**[b]** The City's water was in compliance with both the state Total Coliform Rule and the Federal Revised Total Coliform Rule. Over 1,000 samples were analyzed in 2018 for Total Coliform and E. Coli.

**[c]** MWD initiated a Fluoride Optimization Program in 11/07. See text for further detail.

**[d]** Lead and Copper are sampled at the customer's tap every (3) years. Last event was conducted in 2016 and scheduled to occur again in 2019. Eleven schools were sampled for lead in 2018. See text for more information.

**[e]** Results are from 2017, part of a 4-quarter radiological monitoring program. Water utilities are required to make these surveys every three years. The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 milli/rem year annual dose. The screening level is 50 pCi/L

**[f]** Compliance for treatment plants that use ozone is based on a running annual average of monthly samples, which was in compliance in 2018.

**[g]** Compliance was based on the LRAA of data collected at distribution system-wide monitoring locations. The range of all samples collected is included.

**[h]** AL measures the aggressiveness of water transported through pipes. AL <10 is highly corrosive to water system materials. AL at 12 or above indicates non-aggressive water.