



# Marco Shores Water Service Area 2019 Water Quality Report City of Marco Island

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This report shows the water quality results and what they mean. It also provides important information about your water and how it relates to your health. The information in this report is based on facts and figures from the water purchased from Collier County Utilities and sampling results from the City's Monitoring Program. However, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does not require the City to perform all tests every year. When necessary, some data was obtained from prior years. As directed by the agencies that regulate our industry, only values from these tests that exceeded specified criteria are included. We will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about your water.

Since August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the potable water to the Marco Shores community has been supplied by Collier County through via a purchasing agreement with the City of Marco Island. The source water for the Collier County water system consists of groundwater from three well fields located in Golden Gate Estates. The North Hawthorn Well Field has 24 wells that provide water to the North County Regional Water Treatment Plant. The South Hawthorn Well Field has 42 wells that provide water to the South County Regional Water Treatment Plant. The Golden Gate Tamiami Well Field has 36 wells that provide water to both treatment plants.

If you have any questions about this report or concerns about your water utility, please contact the City of Marco Island at (239) 394-3880. You may also visit the FDEP web site at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) or call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791. The City would like the community to be informed about its water system. If you would like to learn more, then please call the Water and Sewer Department for information about the next opportunity for public participation in decisions about your drinking water.

## HOW DO I READ THIS?

The table shows the results of the City's water-quality analyses. The column marked "Level Detected" shows the highest results from the last time tests were performed. "Likely Sources" shows where this substance usually originates. Descriptions below explain other important details. In this table you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

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

**Maximum Contaminant Level (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 (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 (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 (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

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

**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.

**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.

**90<sup>th</sup> Percentile** - An analytical result that is greater than or equal to 90% of the results.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO FIND IN MY DRINKING 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 storm water 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 storm water 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) *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, 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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

### 2019 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

The City of Marco Island 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 of January 1 to December 31, 2019 for **Marco Shores - PWS ID # 5110182**. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires monitoring of over 80 drinking water contaminants. Those contaminants listed in the table below are the only contaminants detected in your drinking water. Data obtained before January 1, 2019 and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride (ppm)	3/17	N	0.46	NA	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	5/19	N	0.051	ND - 0.051	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	3/17	N	55.0	44.3 – 55.0	NA	160	Salt water intrusion; leaching from soil

<b>Stage 1 Disinfectant and Disinfection By-Products</b>							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chloramines (ppm)	Monthly 2019	N	2.4	0.7 - 3.4	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

<b>Stage 2 Disinfectant and Disinfection By-Products</b>							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	8/19	N	26.0	22.0 - 26.0	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM [Total -trihalo-methanes] (ppb)	8/19	N	36.0	35.0 – 36.0	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

<b>Lead and Copper (Tap Water)</b>							
<b>Contaminant and Unit of Measurement</b>	<b>Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)</b>	<b>AL Violation Y/N</b>	<b>90th Percentile Result</b>	<b>No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL</b>	<b>MCL G</b>	<b>AL (Action Level)</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	8/18 9/18	N	0.034	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	8/18 9/18	N	2.9	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

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 Marco Island 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>.

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 microbio-logical contaminants are available from the SAFE DRINKING WATER HOTLINE (800-426-4791).

### Unregulated Contaminants

Collier County has been monitoring for Unregulated Contaminants (UC) as part of a study to help the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determine the occurrence in drinking water of UC and whether or not these contaminants need to be regulated. At present, no health standards (for example, maximum contaminant levels) have been established for UC. However, we are required to publish the analytical results of our UC monitoring in our annual water quality report. If you would like more information on the EPA's Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule (UCMR), please call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Below is the table of UCMR4 parameters that were detected at our water system:

<b>Unregulated Contaminants</b>			
<b>Contaminant and Unit of Measurement</b>	<b>Dates of sampling (mo/yr)</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Results</b>
HAA5 (ppb)	2/18 and 10/18	17.9	12.2 – 17.9
HAA6Br (ppb)	2/18 and 10/18	11.9	8.0 – 11.9
HAA9 (ppb)	2/18 and 10/18	26.3	18.9 – 26.3
Manganese (ppb)	8/18	0.45	0.45
Bromide and Total Organic Carbon (TOC): These samples were taken at source water influent locations representing <b>untreated water entering the water treatment plant (i.e., a location prior to any treatment).</b>			
Bromide (ppm)	2/18 and 10/18	10.1	0.223 – 10.1
TOC (ppm)	2/18 and 10/18	8.33	1.94 – 8.33

The City would like you to understand the efforts it makes to continually improve the water treatment process and protect the water resources. The City is committed to ensuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, then please feel free to call any of the numbers listed above.