

# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## Price City 2021

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 of the 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. Our water sources have been determined to be from groundwater and surface water. Our water sources are two springs and a well. We obtain water from Price River Water Improvement District seasonally in the summer months.

The Drinking Water Source Protection Plan for Price is available for your review. It contains information about source protection zones, potential contamination sources and management strategies to protect our drinking water. Our sources have been determined to have a medium level of susceptibility from potential contamination. We have also developed management strategies to further protect our sources from contamination. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns about our source protection plan.

There are many connections to our water distribution system. When connections are properly installed and maintained, the concerns are very minimal. However, unapproved and improper piping changes or connections can adversely affect not only the availability, but also the quality of the water. A cross connection may let polluted water or even chemicals mingle into the water supply system when not properly protected. This not only compromises the water quality but can also affect your health. So, what can you do? Do not make or allow improper connections at your homes. Even that unprotected garden hose lying in the puddle next to the driveway is a cross connection. The unprotected lawn sprinkler system after you have fertilized or sprayed is also a cross connection. When the cross connection is allowed to exist at your home, it will affect you and your family first. If you'd like to learn more about helping to protect the quality of our water, call us for further information about ways you can help.

This report shows our water quality and what it means to you, our customer.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Ron Brewer at 435-472-5718. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second and fourth Wednesday monthly but are subject to change.

Price City routinely monitors for constituents in our drinking water in accordance with the Federal and Utah State laws. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In the following table 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:

**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**ND/Low - High** - For water systems that have multiple sources of water, the Utah Division of Drinking Water has given water systems the option of listing the test results of the constituents in one table, instead of multiple tables. To accomplish this, the lowest and highest values detected in the multiple sources are recorded in the same space in the report table.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l)** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)** - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)** - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

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

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

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) 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”(MCLG) 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 (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. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Date-** Because of required sampling time frames i.e. yearly, 3 years, 4 years and 6 years, sampling dates may seem out-dated.

**Waivers (W)-** Because some chemicals are not used or stored in areas around drinking water sources, some water systems have been given waivers that exempt them from having to take certain chemical samples, these waivers are also tied to Drinking Water Source Protection Plans.

TEST RESULTS							
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected ND/Low-High	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Date Sampled	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>							
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	ND	N/A	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	2021	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal coliform and <i>E.coli</i>	N	ND	N/A	0	If a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i> positive	2021	Human and animal fecal waste
Turbidity for Ground Water	N	0.15	NTU	N/A	5	2019	Soil runoff
Turbidity for Surface Water	N	0.37	NTU	N/A	0.3 in at least 95% of the samples and must never exceed 1.0	2021	Soil Runoff  (highest single measurement & the lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits)
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Arsenic	N	ND-1	ppb	0	10	2019	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium	N	49-101	ppb	2000	2000	2019	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Carbon, Total Organic (TOC)	N	2-6	ppm	NA	TT	2021	Naturally present in the environment
Copper a. 90% results b. # of sites that exceed the AL	N	a.91 b.0	ppb	1300	AL=1300	2020	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	N	125-168	ppb	4000	4000	2019	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Lead a. 90% results b. # of sites that exceed the <b>AL</b>	N	a. 4 b.0	ppb	15	AL=15	2020	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	16-208	ppb	10000	10000	2021	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	N	0.8-1	ppb	50	50	2019	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium	N	8-32	ppm	None set by EPA	None set by EPA	2020	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills.
Sulfate	N	28-60	ppm	1000	1000	2020	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills, runoff from cropland
TDS (Total Dissolved solids)	N	292-324	ppm	2000	2000	2020	Erosion of natural deposits
If TDS is greater than 1000 ppm the supplier shall demonstrate to the Utah Drinking Water Board that no better water is available. The Board shall not allow the use of an inferior source of water if a better source is available.							
<b>Disinfection By-products</b>							
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	7-30	ppb	0	80	2021	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids	N	4-7	ppb	0	60	2021	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>							
Alpha emitters	N	2	pCi/l	0	15	2021	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228	N	0.19-0.28	pCi/l	0	5	2019	Erosion of natural deposits

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. 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.

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 you should ask advice from your health care provider.

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 and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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. Price River 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>.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or manmade. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. 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 at 1-800-426-4791.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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Dear Ms. Smith:

Subject: Consumer **Confidence Report for Price River 04020**

**Enclosed is a copy of the Price River Consumer** Confidence Report. It contains the water quality information for our water system for the calendar year 2021 or the most recent sample data.

We have delivered this report to our customers by:

**For systems with population of 500 or smaller (select method below):**

- Posting a notice of the availability of the report in the following locations (*state the specific locations*), then mailing a copy of the report to those who request it.  
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- Putting a notice of the availability of the report on our water bills, then mailing a report to those who request it.
- Making copies of the report available at the water office.  
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- Mailing it directly to each customer.
- Making copies of the report available at the water office.  
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- Publishing the availability of the report in the local newspaper, then sending a copy to those who request it.
- Making copies of the report available at the water office.  
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- Publishing the entire report in the local newspaper.
- Making copies of the report available at the water office.  
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- Publishing the entire report on the internet:
  - It is located at the URL - [www.rwau.net/ccr/alpine](http://www.rwau.net/ccr/alpine)
  - We notified each customer of the availability of the report in the monthly water bill.
  - We provided an opt-out option for any customer who would prefer to receive a paper copy.
  - We have made copies of the report available at the water system office.
  - Since distribution we have received ## visits to the CCR web site.
  - We have received ## returned emails (bounced-back). We have notified those customers by either calling them or sending a notice to the billing

address.

**For systems 500 – 10,000 population (select method below):**

- Mailing it directly to each customer.
- Making copies of the report available at the water office.
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- Publishing the entire report in the local newspaper.
- Making copies of the report available at the water office.
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- Publishing the entire report on the internet:
  - It is located at the URL - [www.rwau.net/ccr/alpine](http://www.rwau.net/ccr/alpine)
  - We notified each customer of the availability of the report in the monthly water bill.
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**For systems 10,000 – 100,000 in population (original method):**

- Mailing it directly to each billing address

We have also made a good faith effort to reach those customers not directly billed by using the following methods:

*(CCR preparer – delete this sentence and those below that do not apply)*

- Posting the CCR on the Internet at this web address -
- Mailing the CCR to postal patrons in the water system service area.
- Advertising the availability of the CCR in the news media.
- Publishing the CCR in a local newspaper.
- Posting the CCR in public places such as cafeterias or lunch rooms of public buildings.
- Delivering multiple copies of the CCR for distribution by single-biller customers such as apartment buildings or large private employers.
- Delivering the CCR to community organizations.
- Posting the CCR in libraries or schools.

**For systems 10,000 – 100,000 in population (internet option):**

- Publishing the entire report on the internet:
  - It is located at the URL - [www.rwau.net/ccr/alpine](http://www.rwau.net/ccr/alpine)

- We have notified each customer of the availability of the report in the monthly water bill.
- We have provided an opt-out option for any customer who would prefer to receive a paper copy.
- We have made copies of the report available at the water system office.
- Since distribution we have received ## visits to the CCR web site.
- We have received ## returned emails (bounced-back). We have notified those customers by either calling them or sending a notice to the billing address.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (water system phone #).

Sincerely,

(name of operator)

(name of water system)