ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR LEAD

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. FPUA is 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 FPUA at 772-466-1600. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Health ensure that drinking water from public water systems meets water quality standards for lead (Pb) and copper (Cu). Learn more about public water testing at:

https://floridadep.gov/water/source-drinking-water/content/monitoring-lead-and-copper-florida-drinking-water

CONTAMINANTS

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.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations to limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public drinking water systems. The U.S. 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 (800) 426-4791.

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

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 from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or online at https://water.epa.gov/drink/hotline.

Annual Water Quality Report

Water Testing Performed in 2025

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PARA LOS CLIENTES HISPANOS

Este es un reporte importante sobre la calidad de su agua. Si usted no cuenta con alguien que pueda traducirle este reporte, llame el Departmento de Servicio al Cliente de Fort Pierce Utilities Authority al (772) 466-1600 y con mucho gusto le asistiremos.

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) is committed to providing safe, high-quality water to your tap every day. We are vigilant in meeting the challenges of new regulations, source water protection, water conservation, community outreach, and education. Thank you for allowing us to continue providing you and your family with high-quality drinking water. This report is furnished to you pursuant to the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Since 1999, all community water systems are required to provide customers with an annual water quality report.

We are proud to report the water provided by FPUA meets the State of Florida and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulations. FPUA tests for a variety of regulated and unregulated compounds to determine if your drinking water meets the SDWA requirements. Review of the tables contained in this report will show your drinking water is of excellent quality. The data presented is from 2025 or the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations for sampling required less frequently.

Please share with us your thoughts about the information in this report. Well-informed customers are our best allies. Additionally, please note we encourage community participation. You are welcome to attend our Board meetings held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at 100 N. U.S. 1 (City Hall), Fort Pierce, Florida. Contact FPUA by calling (772)-466-1600.

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About FPUA: FPUA is a municipal utility provider whose mission is to provide our customers with economical, reliable, and friendly service in a continuous effort to enhance the quality of life in our community. Fort Pierce is one of more than 2,000 communities in the United States served by a community-owned electric utility, and one of very few who also provide water, wastewater, natural gas, and internet services.

At FPUA, every drop of drinking water counts. Our Water Resources team works around the clock to ensure quality and safety, while our Water Distribution team maintains and expands our sytems of pipes, valves, and hydrants that keep water flowing reliably throughout the region.

This work is performed by more than 40 trained professionals and can be strengthened by an informed and engaged community. FPUA joins the American Water Works Association in recognizing Drinking Water Week (May 3–9, 2026) as an opportunity to highlight the importance of safe, reliable drinking water and the role we all play in protecting it. We invite you to join your hometown utility in making an impact during the national observance week and year-round. Together, we can:

- Stay informed by reviewing the FPUA Annual Water Quality Report.
- Use water wisely through everyday conservation practices.
- Report leaks or damaged hydrants to help protect our system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly to keep our water sources clean.

DRINKING WATER WEEK
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Learn more or get involved by following our Facebook page, **https://www.facebook.com/teamFPUA**

OUR WATER SOURCE

FPUA obtains water from two groundwater sources, the Surficial Aquifer and the Floridan Aquifer. Water is pumped from these aquifers to FPUA's Henry Gahn Water Treatment Plant. Water pumped from the Surficial Aquifer, approximately 100 feet below the surface, is treated by conventional lime softening, aeration and sand filtration. Water pumped from the Floridan Aquifer, approximately 1,000 feet below the surface, is treated by reverse osmosis. After treatment, the water is chlorinated for disinfection and the two waters are blended before storage.

In 2025, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) performed a Source Water Assessment on our system to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are 30 potential sources of contamination identified for this system with low to moderate susceptibility levels. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at https://prodapps.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/ or they can be obtained by calling Fort Pierce Utilities Authority at (772) 466-1600. Additionally, FPUA has built treatment systems as a result of those potential sources of contamination.

WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions to the right of the table.

Inorganic Contaminants

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)	1/2025 - 3/2025	N	0.20	0.08 - 0.20	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at the optimum level of 0.7 ppm
Sodium (ppm)	4/2023	N	34.8	34.8 - 34.8	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion; leaching from soil.

Results for Inorganics in the Level Detected column are the highest average detected at any of the sampling points or the highest detected level at any sampling point, depending on the sampling frequency.

Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

Contaminant and Unit Of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MRDLG	MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chloramines (ppm)	1/2025 - 12/2025	N	3.8	0.6 - 4.4	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes.

Results for Chloramines in the Level Detected column is the highest running annual average (RAA), computed quarterly, of the monthly averages of all samples collected. The range of results is the range of results of all the individual samples collected during the past year.

Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

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
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	1/2025 - 12/2025	N	24.8	20.5 - 28.3	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Haloacetic Acids Five (HAA5) (ppb)	1/2025 - 12/2025	N	20.4	17.1 - 24.5	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Results for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) in the Level Detected column is the highest locational running annual average (LRAA), computed quarterly of all samples collected. The range of results is the range of individual sample results during 2025 for all compliance monitoring locations.

Lead and Copper

Contaminant and Unit Of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo/yr)	AL Exceeded Y/N	90th Percentile Result	Number of sampling sites exceeding AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	07/2023	N	0.06	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	07/2023	N	1.1	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems and service lines connecting buildings to water mains; erosion of natural deposits

TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which 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 disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of the 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.

N/A: Not applicable.

Running Annual Average (RAA): The average of all samples collected from all sample locations within a calendar year.

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.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): The average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

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For over 50 years, FPUA has served as the municipal utility for Fort Pierce, supporting the daily needs of our community. We are dedicated to serving our neighbors and delivering reliable service. Sustainability, environmental initiatives, and community engagement are incorporated into our annual planning and day-to-day operations. From protecting our local waterways to supporting our community during times of need, we remain engaged and connected to the people we serve.

WATER RESOURCES UTILITY OF THE FUTURE TODAY

FPUA received the Utility of the Future Today Award at the Water Environment Federation Conference for water reuse initiatives.

FPUA partnered with Sea & Shoreline to conduct a seagrass restoration survey, identifying optimal locations for planting 4.9 acres of seagrass.

Following Hurricane Milton, FPUA raised $1,752 to support five impacted families and recognized employee storm response efforts.