

# 2025 Water Quality Report

## The Rural Community Water District of Georgetown County

### System # 2220001

We're pleased to provide you with this year's Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water is produced from three (3) wells in Georgetown County. A Source Water Assessment Plan has been prepared for our system. If you have any questions about this report concerning your water utility, please contact Will Cook, Director, at 843-546-9003. We want you, our neighbors and valued customers, to be informed about your water utility. I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at our office located at 2360 North Fraser Street, Georgetown, SC.

The Rural Community Water District of Georgetown County routinely monitors constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. As water travels over land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes and chemicals. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least some small amounts of constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2025. In this table you will find the following terms and abbreviations:

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

**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** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. MCL's 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.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - 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.

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

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**Regulated Contaminants**

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation (Y/N)	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Trihalomethane (TTHM)	2025	27	2.9-2.9	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids HAA5	2025	3	27.1-27.1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine	2025	1	0.7-1.37	MRDL 4	MRDLG 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Combined Radium 226/228 2025	2025	0.06	0.06-0.06	5	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of Natural Deposits

**LEAD AND COPPER TEST RESULTS**

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation (Y/N)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2023	1.3	1.3	0.99 Range 0.0073-0.25	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	2023	0	15	2.0 Range 0.11-1.1	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation Y/N	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride	2024	0.84	0.72-0.84	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

**Other Substances Monitored in Drinking Water**

NAME	REPORTED LEVEL	RANGE Low - High
Sodium 2024	200 ppm	190 - 200

## Unregulated Contaminants

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Contaminants (unit of measure)	Average	Range	Sample Date	Explanation
Lithium	8.517	0 - 11.8	2025	Unregulated contaminants are those for which USEPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of these contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

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All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring, or man-made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. 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.

#### **If you have special health needs**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people such as people with cancer, chemotherapy, people 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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-479) if present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

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. Rural Community Water District of Georgetown County is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipe 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 Will Cook (843) 546-9003. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

A lead service line inventory was completed throughout our system in 2024. For more information on this inventory please contact us at 843-546-9003."