City of Lyons
2024 Water Quality Report
Georgia Water System ID #: GA2790000

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Summary of Water Quality Information

The **City of Lyons** drinking water system is owned and operated by the **City of Lyons**. City Hall is located at 161 Northeast Broad Street in Lyons, Georgia. If there are ever any comments or inquiries to be made, please feel free to visit City Hall or contact Jason Hall, City Manager, by phone during regular working hours.

Included in this report is information about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. The **City of Lyons** is committed to providing your community with clean, safe, and reliable drinking water for everyone. For more information about your water or this report please contact Jason Hall. **A copy of this report is available upon request at City Hall or online at www.tindallenterprises.net/lyons-ccr-2024.html.**

Your water comes from four (4) community *groundwater* wells. These wells derive water from the *confined Coastal Plain aquifer* to provide ample volumes of water for your community. **Well 101** is located at the intersection of Northwest Broad Street and Nellie Rose Street, **well 103** is located on Jefferson Street, **well 104** is located on Lyons Center Road, and **well 105** is located at Industrial Park, northwest of the intersection of US 1 and State Road 130 in Lyons, Georgia. Any necessary treatment of the water, such as the addition of disinfectants and/or removal of contaminants, is performed at the well sites. These properties are protected from activities which could potentially cause contamination of the water source by a ***Wellhead Protection Plan* (WHPP)**. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) has completed a ***WHPP*** for **the City of Lyons** to identify any possible sources of pollution. There are no cited potential pollution sources for any of the wells within the fifteen (15) foot control zone. Cited potential pollution sources for in the management zone (100-foot sector) include utility poles, electrical transformers, vehicle parking, fuel storage, access and secondary roads, a storage yard for the **City of Lyons**, and storm water run-off potentially containing volatile organic compounds from parking areas and/or pesticides and herbicides from lawns. **The complete report is available by request at City Hall.**

The **City of Lyons** water system is tested for more than eighty (80) drinking water parameters on a periodic basis determined by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Drinking Water Program. Sample/testing schedules are based on initial contaminant level assessments and can be changed by the GA EPD if deemed necessary. Generally, samples are collected in the **City of Lyons** for analysis of volatile organic-, synthetic organic-, inorganic compounds, lead, and copper once in a three (3) year cycle. Nitrate-nitrites, TTHMs, and HAA5's are analyzed yearly, and the bacteriological content is monitored monthly. Radionuclide levels are tested every nine (9) years for all wells.

During 2024, the **City of Lyons** water system was sampled for the analyses of bacteriological content, nitrate-nitrite, TTHMs, and HAA5s. **We are pleased to inform you that the City of Lyons did not have any violations of water quality parameters during 2023. All detected contaminants are delineated in the accompanying charts. Any contaminants not listed in the accompanying charts had results less than the detection limits and/or maximum contaminant levels.**

For the 2023 lead and copper monitoring event, twenty (20) representative samples were taken from throughout your community. While **NO** sample site exceeded the action level for lead or copper, detectable levels of these contaminants were found in one or more samples. This may indicate the presence of this contaminant in some service lines or home plumbing. To access all individual lead tap sample results for **City of Lyons** visit www.gadrinkingwater.net.

The Service Line Inventory (SLI) is a requirement under the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) to help water systems identify and replace lead service lines. It mandates that all public water systems develop and maintain an inventory of service line materials to assess the presence of lead and protect public health. The inventory will support proactive lead reduction efforts and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements to minimize lead exposure in drinking water. **The City of Lyons has submitted the required lead service line inventory. To view the complete SLI report, please visit the following website: https://ga-epd.120water-ptd.com/.**

*Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The **City of Lyons** is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures.*

Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact the ***City of Lyons****. 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 following measures may also be taken to minimize exposure to lead and/or copper:

- Use cold water for drinking or cooking.
- Do not cook with or consume water from the hot water faucet.
- Do not use hot water for making baby formula.
- Use only "lead-free" solder, fluxes and materials in new household plumbing and repairs.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may be expected to contain at least small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. **More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline.**

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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.**

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 the following:

- ***Microbial contaminants*** such as viruses and bacteria which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- ***Inorganic contaminants*** such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- ***Pesticides and herbicides*** may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- ***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, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- ***Radioactive contaminants*** 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, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

The **City of Lyons** *strives to maintain the highest standards of performance and quality possible. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, improvements that benefit the community must be made. Please help keep these costs as low as possible by utilizing good water conservation practices.*

DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT:

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 microbiological 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.*

TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes): One or more of the organic compounds: chloroform, bromodichloromethane, chlorodibromomethane, and/or bromoform.

HAA5s (Haloacetic Acids): One or more of the organic compounds monochloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid, and dibromoacetic acid.

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The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that have been detected in your drinking water. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The data presented in this table is from testing done during the year noted. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division (EPD) require monitoring for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Parameters, values, and sources may vary.

DETECTED INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Parameter	Units	MCL [SMCL]	MCLG	City of Lyons Water System Results	Range of Detections	Sample Date	Violation No/Yes	Typical Source of Contaminant
Barium	ppm	2	2	0.17	0.078 to 0.17	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine	ppm	4	4	0.91	0.91 to 0.91	2024	No	Water additive used for control of microbes
Fluoride	ppm	4 [2]	4	1.0	0.73 to 1.0	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive
Zinc	ppm	[5]	**	0.095	ND to 0.095	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese	ppm	[0.05]	**	0.034	ND to 0.034	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits

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Parameter	Units	MCL	MCLG	City of Lyons Water System Results	Range of Detections	Sample Date	Violation No/Yes	Typical Source of Contaminant
Haloacetic Acids	ppb	60	**	ND	N/A	2024	No	By product of drinking water disinfection
TTHMs	ppb	80	**	ND	N/A	2024	No	By product of drinking water disinfection

DETECTED UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Parameter	Units	MCL [SMCL]	MCLG	City of Lyons Water System Results	Range of Detections	Sample Date	Violation No/Yes	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium	ppm	**	**	11.0	10.0 to 11.0	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits

LEAD AND COPPER MONITORING RESULTS

Parameter	Units	Action Level	MCLG	City of Lyons 90th Percentile	Range of Detections	Sample Date	Violation No/Yes	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead	ppb	15	0	1.4	ND to 3.0	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.110	0.0025 to 0.230	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing

MICROBIOLOGICAL MONITORING RESULTS

Parameter	Units	MCL	MCLG	City of Lyons # of Positive Samples	PositiveSample Date (Month)	Sample Year	Violation No/Yes	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform	Present/ Absent	1*	0	0	N/A	2024	No	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli		0	0	0	N/A	2024	No	Human and animal fecal waste

RADIONUCLIDES TABLE

Parameter	Units	MCL	MCLG	City of Lyons Water System Results	Range of Detections	Sample Date	Violation No/Yes	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha emitters	pCi/L	15	0	ND	N/A	2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium 226/228	pCi/L	5	0	ND	N/A	2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Total Coliform Rule MCL= 1 positive sample for systems that collect <40 samples a month** * No established MCL, SMCL or MCLG**

•**N/A**: Not applicable to this contaminant •**ppb (ug/L)**: parts per billion or micrograms per liter •**ppm (mg/L)**: parts per million or milligrams per liter •**pCi/l**: picocuries per liter, a measurement of radiation

•**ND (Not Detected)**: By regulation, this substance or group of substances was tested for in our finished tap water; however, none was detected at the testing limit.

•**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. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG 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. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety."*

•**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** Reasonable goals for drinking water quality. Exceeding SMCL's may adversely affect odor or appearance, but there is no known risk to human health.