



# WaterWorks

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## Ways to pay your water bill

### Pay in person at these locations:

Reeds Grocery in Dutton  
Sylvania Pharmacy in Sylvania  
Geraldine Town Hall  
Main office in Rainsville

### Members can also pay as follows:

Night drop box at the main office  
Online at [sectionduttonwaterworks.com](http://sectionduttonwaterworks.com)  
By bank draft  
By phone at 888-479-1959 (Dutton) or 888-409-0903 (Section)

### Waterworks Boards of Section & Dutton

#### Mailing Address

P.O. Box 1159 • Rainsville, AL 35986

#### Office Location

87 Circle Drive • Rainsville, AL 35986

#### Office Hours

Monday-Friday • 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Phone

Office: 256-638-2119

Toll Free: 866-801-8201

Treatment Plant: 256-228-4242

**Website:** [sectionduttonwaterworks.com](http://sectionduttonwaterworks.com)

To provide you with water service, we need:

- Signed, completed application for utility service
- Rental agreement or receipt (if applicable)
- Photo ID (such as driver's license)
- Water meter number
- 911 address

The annual 3% rate increase will be effective on July 1.

## Safe digging is no accident

All it takes to identify underground utilities is one free, easy call or online request.

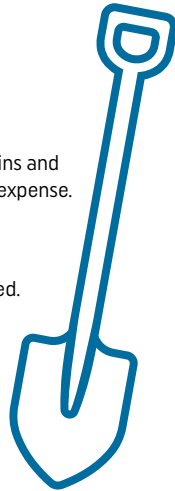
### CALL 811 AT LEAST THREE DAYS BEFORE YOU PLAN TO DIG

WWBSD will mark all underground water mains and service lines to protect you from injury and expense.

Please contact our office at 256-638-2119. Utility operators will respond to your 811 requests, marking where their lines are buried.

### DIG CAREFULLY

Avoid digging within 24 inches on all sides of the painted lines, which indicate buried utilities below. You may have to consider moving your project to another part of your yard.



## Understanding Safe Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water, both tap and bottled, 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 radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised people—such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, those who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders and some elderly people and infants—can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers.

Reasonably, all drinking water, including bottled water, may 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, as well as guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants, are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 800-426-4791.



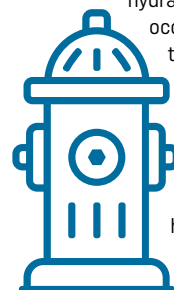
## Fire Hydrant Policy

### Procedure for using water from hydrants

It is the general policy of the waterworks boards to provide quality water service to residents, businesses, farms and industry. The boards cannot permit free water from fire hydrants to any such customers without an impact on the ability to maintain stable rates. IT IS ALSO UNLAWFUL TO OBTAIN WATER WITHOUT PAYMENT. Section 13A-8-23, Code of Alabama, provides if the value exceeds \$500.99, the theft is a felony. If under \$500, it is a Class A misdemeanor.

### No one is authorized to obtain water from fire hydrants unless:

- The user is a full-time or volunteer fire department member responding to fire calls or drills.
- A customer or entity has applied to the board at the main office in Rainsville, secured written authorization to use water from a fire hydrant and made satisfactory financial arrangements for the payment of all such water.
- The personnel of the Boards are authorized to monitor and inspect hydrants to detect unauthorized water use. Frequently, damage occurs to fire hydrants if improper tools are used to operate them. Unauthorized use of fire hydrants will be pursued for payment of water used and/or damage to fire hydrants. The law enforcement and fire departments in each municipality and fire district are asked to enforce and report violations of this policy.



- We solicit the cooperation of all our subscribers in helping to enforce this policy. Contact the main office should you have questions or wish to arrange for water use from a fire hydrant.

## Committed to clean, safe water

Water Quality Report Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2025

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report and to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. The Water Quality Report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the continual efforts we make to improve the water system, treatment process and protection of our water resources because we are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water source is the Tennessee River. In emergency situations, water may be sold to or purchased from the DeKalb Jackson Water Supply District, the town of Pisgah and/or Northeast Alabama Water Systems. The water treatment process includes mixing, flocculation, sedimentation and filtration, with chemical additions for disinfection.

If you have any questions about this report, a source water assessment or your water utility, please contact the Section and Dutton waterworks boards at 256-638-2119 or 866-801-8201. Your call will be directed to water quality and compliance personnel. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

## Working Together for Clean, Reliable Water

### SECTION WATER BOARD

The Section Board meets on the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Section Water Office next to Section Town Hall. Work session is 5-6 p.m., unless otherwise posted.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steven Durham, Chairman  
Harlon Dukes  
Teresa McCrary  
Rick Hanback  
Lowell Ray Barron

### DUTTON WATER BOARD

The Dutton Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 5 p.m. November through February and at 7 p.m. March through October at the Dutton Fire Hall, unless otherwise posted.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Trent Gilley, Chairman  
Mike Graden  
Billy Myers  
Larry Holland  
Bobby Sutton

## Emergency water conservation plan

Should the Waterworks Boards of Section & Dutton be placed under an Emergency Water Conservation Plan, all customers must adhere to the following guidelines:

- No lawn, landscape or other turf areas—including vegetable or flower gardens—shall be watered or irrigated.
- There shall be no washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways or parking areas, but flammable or dangerous substances should be disposed of by direct hose flushing that benefits public health and safety.
- No water shall be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in swimming pools or decorative fountains unless such water is part of a recycling system.
- There shall be no washing of automobiles, trucks, tractors or any other vehicle until normal conditions are reinstated.
- No restaurant, hotel, cafe, cafeteria or public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale shall serve drinking water to customers unless expressly requested.
- Customers of the system must repair any water leak on his/her premises in a timely manner or be subject to all penalties.

### Section Water Board

3/4" New Service ..... \$1,000  
1" New Service ..... \$1,200  
2" New Service ..... \$6,200  
Sewer Connection ..... \$1,000

### Dutton Water Board

3/4" New Service ..... \$1,000  
1" New Service ..... \$1,200  
2" New Service ..... \$6,200

### Cost of Reconnection

Reconnection Fee ..... \$25  
Account Setup Fee ..... \$100

# The Details Matter: Your Water Quality Report

To meet state and federal regulations, the Section and Dutton Water Systems routinely monitor for more than 100 constituents and parameters in your drinking water:

- Microbiological contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria which may come from agricultural, wildlife or human waste runoff.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, petroleum, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, stormwater runoff and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and uses, storm runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Disinfectant by-product from the treatment process.
- Sampling for these constituents are conducted monthly, quarterly, annually and semiannually to provide consistent evaluation of the water source and production quality.

The table in this report includes the detected contaminants from the monitoring period of Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2025.

Section-Dutton Water 2026 CCR						
2025 Test Results Table of Detected Contaminants						
Of the many contaminants tested, only these few were at levels of detection. All test results are from the 2025 monitoring year unless otherwise noted.						
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Unit	Highest Amount Detected	Range Detected	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological</b>						
Turbidity	N/A	TT	NTU	0.08	0.02-0.08	Soil runoff
<b>Radiological</b>						
Alpha Emitters (2021)	0	15	pCi/L	0.92+/-0.41	NA	Naturally present in the environment
Radium 228 (2021)	0	5	pCi/L	0.70+/-0.41	NA	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Nitrate	10	10	ppm	0.37	single sample	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (2025)	1.3	AL=1.3	ppm	0.13 90th percentile	ND-0.37	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (2025)	0	AL=0.015	ppm	ND 90th percentile	ND	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits. One site above the Action Level
Fluoride	4	4	ppm	0.60 Avg.	0.3-0.9	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
<b>Organic Contaminants</b>						
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	N/A	60	ppb	29.5 HARA	ND-38	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	N/A	80	ppb	34.8 HARA	ND-46	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Total Organic Carbon	N/A	TT	ppm	0.9	0.3 -0.88	Naturally present in the environment
Chlorine	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	2.6	2.5-2.7	Water additive used to control microbes
<b>Unregulated Contaminants</b>						
Bromodichloromethane	N/A	N/A	ppb	6.2	ND-6.2	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chloroform	N/A	N/A	ppb	35.0	ND-35	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Dichloroacetic Acid	N/A	N/A	ppb	19.0	ND-19	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Trichloroacetic Acid	N/A	N/A	ppb	16.0	ND-16	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Dibromochloromethane	N/A	N/A	ppb	2.4	ND-2.4	By-product of drinking water chlorination
<b>Non-Compliance Monitoring (DSE) (2018)</b>						
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (2018)	N/A	80	ppb	22.7	6.53-22.7	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (2018)	N/A	60	ppb	19	4.7-19	By-product of drinking water chlorination
<b>Non-Compliance Microbiological (LTZWTR) (2025)</b>						
Cryptosporidium	0	TT	oocysts/L	ND	ND	Wildlife and/or human activity
E. coli	0	TT	#/100mL	23	<1-23	Wildlife and/or human activity
Giardia	0	TT	cysts/L	ND	ND	Wildlife and/or human activity
Total Coliform	0	TT	#/100mL	920	114-920	Wildlife and/or human activity
Turbidity (Raw)	0	TT	NTU	12.50	1.5-12.5	Soil runoff

Section-Dutton Water 2026 CCR						
2025 Test Results Table of Detected Contaminants (continued)						
Of the many contaminants tested, only these few were at levels of detection. All test results are from the 2025 monitoring year unless otherwise noted.						
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL (ug/L)	Unit	Highest Amount Detected	Range Detected ug/L	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Non-Compliance Monitoring (UCMRS) (2024)</b>						
Lithium	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
11Cl-PF3OUds	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
4:2 FTS	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
6:2 FTS	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
8:2 FTS	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
9Cl-PF3ONS	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
ADONA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
HFPO-DA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
NFDHA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFBA	N/A	N/A	ppb	0.008	.0051-.0077	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFBS	N/A	N/A	ppb	0.005	.0038-.0054	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFDA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFDoA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFEESA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFHpA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFHpS	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFHxA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFHxS	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFMBA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFMPA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFNA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFQA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFOS	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFPeA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFPeS	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFUnA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
NEtFOSAA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
NMeFOSAA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFTA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste
PFTfDA	N/A	N/A	ppb	<MRL	<MRL	Naturally present in the environment / Industrial waste

Table of Primary Contaminants											
At high levels some primary contaminants are known to pose a health risk to humans. This table provides a quick glance of any primary contaminant detections. All tests are from the 2025 monitoring year unless otherwise noted.											
Contaminant	MCL	Amount Detected	Contaminant	MCL	Amount Detected	Contaminant	MCL	Amount Detected	Contaminant	MCL	Amount Detected
<b>Bacteriological</b>			Nitrate (ppm)			Endrin (ppb) (2023)			p-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)		
Total Coliform Bacteria			10			1			75		
< 5%			0			ND			ND		
Turbidity			TT			0.08			1,2-Dichloroethane (ppb)		
Fecal coliform and E. coli			< 5%			0			5		
<b>Radiological</b>			Selenium (ppb)			50			ND		
Beta/Photon emitters (mrem/yr)			4			ND			7		
Alpha emitters (pCi/L) (2021)			15			0.92+/-0.41			ND		
Combined radium (pCi/L)			5			ND			1,1-Dichloroethylene (ppb)		
Uranium (ppb)			30			ND			70		
<b>Inorganic</b>			Thallium (ppb)			2			ND		
Antimony (ppb)			6			ND			trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)		
Arsenic (ppb)			10			ND			100		
Barium (ppm)			2			0.016			5		
Beryllium (ppb)			4			ND			Dichloromethane (ppb)		
Cadmium (ppb)			5			ND			5		
Chromium (ppb)			100			ND			1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)		
Copper (ppm)			AL=1.3			ND			5		
Cyanide (ppb)			200			ND			5		
Fluoride (ppm)			4			0.41			1,2-Dichloroethane (ppb)		
Lead (ppb)			AL=15			ND			700		
Mercury (ppb)			2			ND			50		
Nickel, as Ni (ppm)			0.1			ND			ND		
Endothall (ppb) (2023)			100			ND			Styrene (ppb)		
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (ppm) (2023)			50			0.000096			Tetrachloroethylene (ppb)		
Chlorine (ppm)			MRDL=4			2.8			70		
Acrylamide			TT			ND			5		
Alachlor (ppb) (2023)			2			ND			Ethylene dibromide (ppt)		
Benzo(a)pyrene[PHAs] (ppt) (2023)			200			ND			50		
Carbofuran (ppb) (2023)			40			ND			100		
Chlordane (ppb) (2023)			2			ND			1		
Dalapon (ppb) (2023)			200			ND			5		
Di-(2-ethylhexyl)adipate (ppb)			400			ND			10		
Chromium (ppb)			6			ND			5		
Dinoseb (ppb) (2023)			7			ND			5		
Diquat (ppb) (2023)			20			ND			5		
Fluoride (ppm)			4			0.41			1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)		
Lead (ppb)			AL=15			ND			5		
Mercury (ppb)			2			ND			5		
Nickel, as Ni (ppm)			0.1			ND			5		
Endothall (ppb) (2023)			100			ND			5		
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Chlorine (ppm)			MRDL=4			2.8			700		
Acrylamide			TT			ND			50		
Alachlor (ppb) (2023)			2			ND			ND		
Benzo(a)pyrene[PHAs] (ppt) (2023)			200			ND			100		
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Lead (ppb)			AL=15			ND			700		
Mercury (ppb)			2			ND			50		
Nickel, as Ni (ppm)			0.1			ND			ND		
Endothall (ppb) (2023)			100			ND			100		
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