



INFORMATION

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Water Quality
Chromium 6 Statement

In 1991, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for **Total Chromium** of 100 µg/L, which also includes **Chromium 6**. The State of Texas follows the Total Chromium level established by the EPA. In 2014, the State of California went one step further and established a more stringent MCL for just **Chromium 6** (also known as Hexavalent Chromium) of 10 µg/L. California is the first state to specifically track Chromium 6 separately from Total Chromium.

The testing procedures required by the State of Texas only effectively measure levels of Total Chromium above 10 µg/L and if your water supply measured a **Total Chromium** level below 10 µg/L then it would be considered non-detectable and recorded as such. Since 1991, the City of West University Place's (City) annual tests for **Total Chromium (Including Chromium 6)** have recorded results as non-detectable or below 10 µg/L.

The City receives approximately 50% of its water supply from City of Houston (Houston) and the other 50% is ground water supplied from two City owned wells. Due to the detection of **Chromium 6** in segments of Houston's water supply, the City initiated enhanced testing (above any regulatory standard or mandate) for **Chromium 6** in January 2017.

The results of the first test showed **NO Chromium 6** in the City's owned and operated wells and traces of **Chromium 6** in the water purchased from the City of Houston two sources are 6.8 and 7.1 µg/L. After the water received from the Houston is mixed with the City supplied water the amount of **Chromium 6** ranges from 1.1 to 4.2 µg/L in the entire City water system. ***These levels are well below the maximum allowed limit by the EPA, State of Texas and even the more restrictive State of California limit.***

City	Source	Level Detected (µg/L)	Max. Contaminant Limit (MCL) (µg/L)
West University Place	Well No. 8	0	100
West University Place	Well No. 9	0	100
Houston	Bissonnet Water Connection	7.1	100
Houston	Wakeforest Water Connection	6.8	100
West Univ. Place & Houston Water Mixed		1.1 to 4.2	100

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The City of West University Place is committed to providing safe drinking water for residents and has maintained a “**Superior Water System**” rating from the State of Texas since 1941 while meeting all State and Federal Regulations regarding drinking water quality and processes.

The City’s Staff continually monitors the latest reports and studies on relevant issues affecting the City’s water system and takes appropriate steps to ensure that the City’s water system remains safe for the health of our citizens.

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