



WATER QUALITY REPORT



A note from JEA's Managing Director and CEO

Dear JEA Water Customer,

We are proud to share the 2016 Annual JEA Water Quality Report. Within this report, you will see that our water source, the Floridan aquifer, continues to provide our customers with exceptional quality drinking water. While we can't take credit for this pristine resource, JEA does have a hand in the safety and quality of the drinking water that is delivered to your home.

If you've seen the One Water commercials or information on jea.com/onestwater, you know that the safety and quality of our water is personal to us. Our employees live and work in this community, so our families count on the same water you do. So it is personal, but it is scientific too. Our team of laboratory scientists and technicians test 45,000 water samples a year to ensure JEA water meets the required safety standards.

In April, the St. Johns River Water Management District issued a call to action for residents and businesses of the district to voluntarily conserve water due to below average rainfall. JEA always considers conservation a top priority, but now I ask you to join me in committing to water conservation so that we may preserve our natural water source, the Floridan aquifer, for generations to come.

As you read through this report, think about the pristine resource of our aquifer. Consider the satisfaction of enjoying a tall glass of cool water on a hot day. Reflect on the refreshing shower that helps you wake up in the morning. And contemplate the amount of potable water that goes into your lawn. Make sure you are aware of the water you use, because being aware is the first step toward making a difference. We all need to pay attention to preserve our most precious natural resource, a resource that we all share—our One Water.

I raise a tall glass of water to you, customers and friends.

Thank you,

Paul McElroy

For conservation tips, go to jea.com/waterdays.

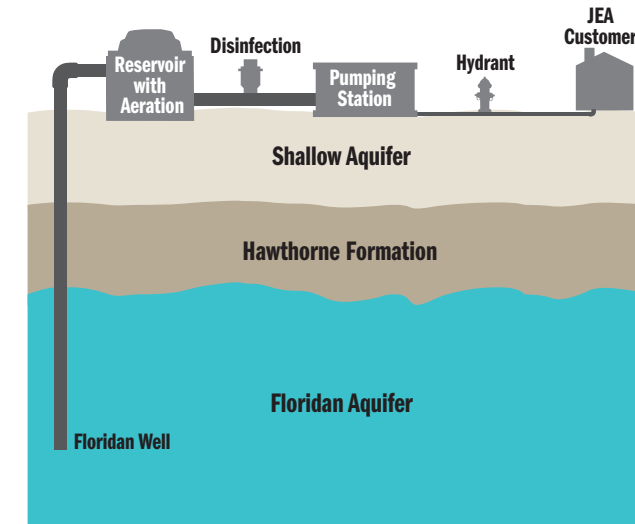
Your Water System

Your drinking water comes from the Floridan aquifer, one of the major sources of groundwater in the United States. Floridan wells are protected from surface chemical contamination by the Hawthorne formation, which is a thick layer of clay that prevents pollutants from seeping below it. Your water comes from over 115 Floridan wells throughout Duval, St. Johns, and Nassau Counties and is pumped from the aquifer into large reservoirs at one of 37 water treatment plants (WTPs). There it is aerated for odor control, chlorinated for disinfection purposes, and sent through pumping stations to you and other customers through over 4,200 miles of pipe.

We also utilize ozone at our Main Street water plant for additional odor control.

In 2016 the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) performed Source Water Assessments on our systems. These assessments were conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. The number of potential sources and susceptibility level of contamination identified for all wells in our systems are shown in the table below. Potential sources of contamination could include landfills, above and underground fuel storage tanks, dry cleaning facilities, and wastewater disposal areas. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at fdep.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/.

JEA Water Treatment and Distribution System



With the exception of those living in Mayport, all Duval County and some St. Johns County customers are served by the Major Grid. Our Nassau County customers receive their water from the Lofton Oaks Grid. JEA customers in the coastal parts of St. Johns County are provided water by the Ponte Vedra Grid in the north and the Ponce de Leon Grid to the south. There is also a small water system in Palm Valley that is provided water via an interconnection with St. Johns County Utilities. These grid arrangements provide reliable water service backup as needed, particularly during emergencies or periods of routine plant maintenance shutdowns.

System	# of Potential Sources	Susceptibility Level
Major Grid	102	Low-Moderate
Mayport	2	Low
Lofton Oaks Grid	5	Low
Ponte Vedra Grid	2	Low
Ponce de Leon Grid	6	Low

How to Connect with Us

You can inquire about your water quality, report a water quality problem, or comment about this report by:

- Calling our Customer Care Center at (904) 665-6000
- Visiting our website at jea.com
- Emailing us at WaterQuality@jea.com
- Writing us at JEA Water Quality, 1002 N. Main Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206, Attention: Water Quality Report
- Speaking with our market researchers or our drinking water pollsters who call throughout the year for your opinion
- Attending our public board meetings the third Tuesday of every month at JEA, 21 W. Church St. Call (904) 665-6243 for times

You can request copies of this report by calling our Customer Care Center at (904) 665-6000 or toll free at 1-800-683-5542, or you may download an electronic version from our website at jea.com/WQR2016. Printed copies are also available at every branch of the Jacksonville Public Library.

Hardness Information

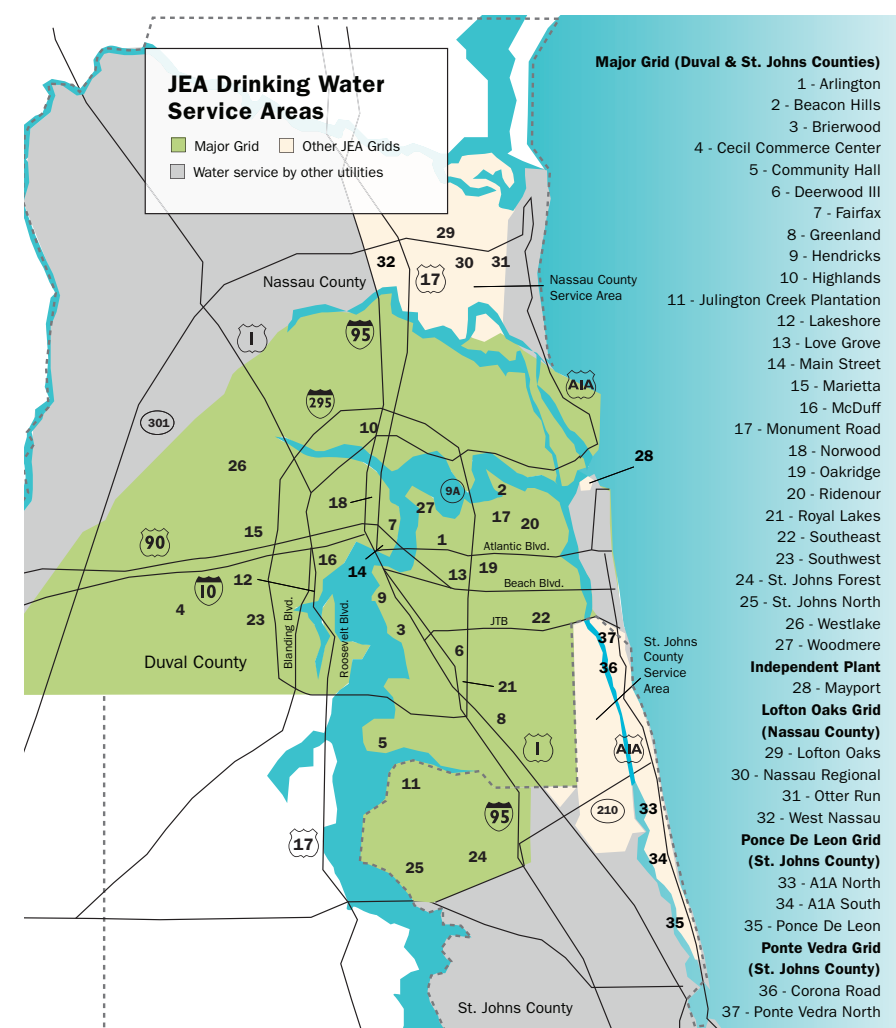
What is Hard Water? Water is described as "hard" when it contains high levels of dissolved minerals—primarily calcium and magnesium. These are naturally occurring soluble compounds that are present in the aquifer.

Is it harmful? Hard water is not a health risk. Calcium and magnesium are both important to human health and are commonly taken as supplements or as antacids.

Remove it with vinegar! Hard water leaves spots on dishes and windows, and a buildup of scale on plumbing fixtures and coffee pots. These can easily be dissolved with white distilled (common household) vinegar:

- Use vinegar in your dishwasher as a rinse-agent.
- Run it through a brewing cycle in your coffee pot then rinse thoroughly.
- Soak faucets overnight in vinegar to remove corrosion.

These tables list the Total Hardness at each Water Treatment Plant. These values are the average of the hardness from each of the wells servicing the plant, and were sampled in October—December 2016. The number on the Service Area map below corresponds to the location of the water plants listed in the table.



WATER TREATMENT PLANT	RESULTS (PPM)	GRAINS PER GALLON
Major Grid (Duval & St. Johns Counties)		
1 - Arlington	349	20
2 - Beacon Hills	320	19
3 - Brierwood	386	22
4 - Cecil Commerce Center	116	7
5 - Community Hall	190	11
6 - Deerwood III	361	21
7 - Fairfax	252	15
8 - Greenland	296	17
9 - Hendricks	278	16
10 - Highlands	241	14
11 - Julington Creek	368	21
12 - Lakeshore	192	11
13 - Love Grove	288	17
14 - Main Street	256	15
15 - Marietta	250	15
16 - McDuff	272	16
17 - Monument Road	443	26
18 - Norwood	216	13
19 - Oakridge	320	19
20 - Ridenour	317	18
21 - Royal Lakes	431	25
22 - Southeast	308	18
23 - Southwest	136	8
24 - St. Johns Forest	468	27
25 - St. Johns North	237	14
26 - Westlake	314	18
27 - Woodmere	244	14
Independent Plant		
28 - Mayport	268	16
Lofton Oaks Grid (Nassau County)		
29 - Lofton Oaks	278	16
30 - Nassau Regional	272	16
31 - Otter Run	271	16
32 - West Nassau	273	16
Ponce De Leon Grid (St. Johns County)		
33 - A1A North	357	21
34 - A1A South	337	20
35 - Ponce de Leon	418	24
Ponte Vedra (St. Johns County)		
36 - Corona Road	297	17
37 - Ponte Vedra North	381	22

The number on the map at left corresponds to the location of the water plant listed in the table above.

Water Conservation Tips



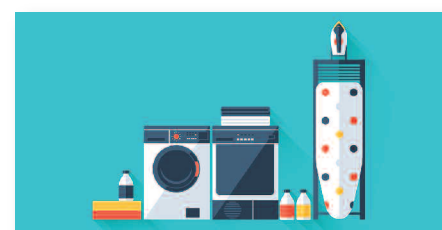
Bathing

Taking a bath requires approximately 45 gallons of water. A five-minute shower uses about 12.5 gallons. By showering, you'll save about 1,000 gallons per month and that totals to \$10 monthly for a water/sewer customer. Going a step further, by installing a WaterSense showerhead (2.0 gpm) to replace a 2.5 gpm showerhead, a family of four can save over 7,000 gallons of water per year. That's a savings of \$70!



Check your toilets

A running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day. Also, installing a high efficiency toilet can save an average family 13,000 gallons of water per year; that's \$130. Never use your toilet as a wastebasket.



Washing clothes

For washing machines with variable settings for water volume, select the minimum amount required per load. Otherwise wash only full loads. A full-sized ENERGY STAR certified clothes washer uses 13 gallons of water per load, compared to the 23 gallons used by a standard machine. That's a savings of more than 3,000 gallons of water, per year.

Washing dishes

When washing dishes by hand, use a spray device instead of running the water to rinse. This can save you 6,000 gallons per year, which amounts to \$60. Scraping food scraps instead of pre-rinsing under running water can also save an additional 5 gallons of water or more per occasion. When using the dishwasher, run with full loads and try using a "light wash" or "energy efficient" cycle. These settings can cut your water use in half while cleaning just as effectively.



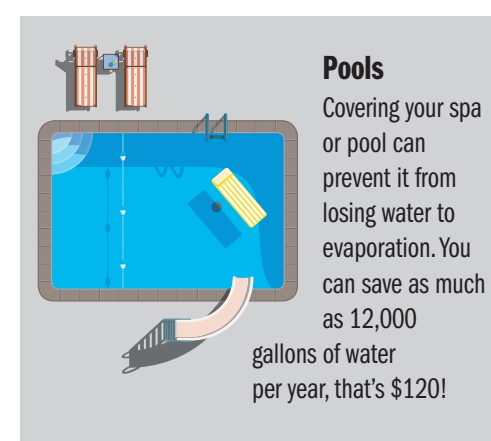
Check for leaks

A dripping faucet can waste up to 5 gallons a day. FYI: 1 drip per second is 5 gallons a day per USGS data. The amount of water leaked from U.S. homes could exceed more than 1 trillion gallons per year. That equals the annual water use of Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami combined. To check for leaks, read your water meter before and after a 1-hour period when no water is being used. (Remember to wait for the ice maker to refill and for the regeneration of water softeners.) If the readings are different after the hour, you have a leak. Also, monitor your bill for unusually high usage, a red flag for a leak..



Landscaping

Select native-Florida trees and shrubs that need less watering when landscaping.



Pools

Covering your spa or pool can prevent it from losing water to evaporation. You can save as much as 12,000 gallons of water per year, that's \$120!



Car washing

If you use a bucket to wash your car, you can save 150 gallons of water every time you don't use the hose.



Save water with a high efficiency showerhead

If you're wondering whether a new showerhead can reduce your water consumption, here's a quick way to measure your old model's flow rate: Place a bucket marked in gallon increments under the showerhead, turn on the shower at the water pressure you normally use, and time how long it takes to fill the bucket to the 1-gallon mark. If it's less than 24 seconds, you could save water with a high-efficiency showerhead.

