



**2020 WATER QUALITY REPORT**

# We are pleased to present our 2020 Annual Water Quality Report.



At JEA, we are committed to providing a safe, reliable and sustainable supply of drinking water. We do this by monitoring our best-in-class treatment processes and performing more than 45,000 water tests every year to ensure we meet all water quality standards. This report provides information about JEA's water treatment systems, results from our water quality testing and details about our water supply.

We take pride in helping to protect and sustain the Floridan Aquifer—the precious water source Northeast Florida residents and businesses depend upon every day. JEA makes substantial investments to safely manage this water supply resource and to operate the system to meet or exceed regulatory requirements.

We know the water we deliver to your home or business is a major driver of the health and economic development of our region, and we take that very seriously. We appreciate the opportunity to provide these integral services and look forward to continuing our pursuit of providing you high quality potable water while preserving our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Jay Stowe,  
JEA Managing Director & CEO

## FDEP Source Water Assessments

In 2020, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection performed Source Water assessments to identify potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of JEA wells. Potential contamination sources include landfills, fuel storage tanks, dry cleaning facilities and wastewater disposal areas. Visit [fldep.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/](http://fldep.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/) to view assessment results online.

System	# of Potential Sources	Susceptibility Level
Major Grid	116	Low-Moderate
Mayport	6	Low
Lofton Oaks Grid	9	Low
Ponte Vedra Grid	3	Low
Ponce de Leon Grid	5	Low

## Water Conservation Tips

Inside Your Home



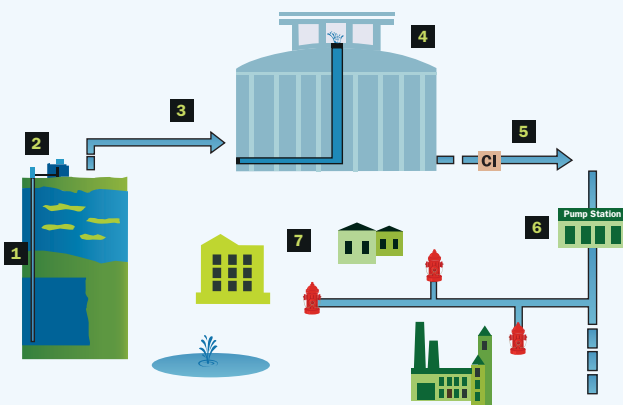
**Run the washer and dishwasher only when full.**



**Use efficient shower heads and lowflow toilets.**



**Fix all leaks, especially toilet leaks.**



**1. The Florida Aquifer** is the source of water in Northeast Florida. JEA utilizes this source to provide potable (drinking) water to our customers. The aquifer is a gigantic underground river that courses through limestone formations many hundreds of feet underground. **2. Deep Well Turbine Pumps** are used to draw the water from the aquifer and deliver it through **3. Well Headers** to the **4. Water Treatment Plant**. At the plant, the water is aerated and stored until there is demand for the water. As needed, the water is chlorinated and pumped into the system by the plant's service pumps. **5. Transmission Mains** carry the potable water throughout the many miles of service area and ultimately deliver the water through **6. Distribution Mains**, service connections, and water meters to our **customers**.

## Water System Process

The JEA drinking water system consists of wells, water treatment plants, the distribution grid of pipelines, and finally the customers' meters. We have over 130 wells that withdraw water from the Floridan aquifer, about 1,000 feet below land surface. The fresh, clean water is pumped from the well fields to one of 38 water treatment plants, where it then flows through an aerator to remove the sulfur (rotten egg) odor. The water leaves the reservoirs and is disinfected with chlorine per health regulations before it enters over 4,600 miles of water lines for distribution to our customers. Ozone is also utilized at two plants for sulfide removal and to improve taste and odors.



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## JEA's State-of-the-Art Water Monitoring System

JEA has a state-of-the-art operations network in place, called Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), which enables us to monitor our water supply system and bring you an uninterrupted supply of fresh, clean water to your home. SCADA is a technology that allows us to remotely control and monitor conditions at our water plants 24 hours a day. An experienced, state-licensed operator monitors and controls the treatment facilities through a centralized computer system that shows a representation of the water plant system instrumentation and equipment indicating pressure, flow, reservoir levels, chlorine level, and pH, as well as critical alarms. Water pressure throughout the grids is also controlled through the use of more than 400 pressure monitors connect to SCADA, with more points added each month to keep track of the system at the neighborhood level.

### Water Conservation Tips

Outside Your Home



**Plant Florida Native plants that do well with less water.**



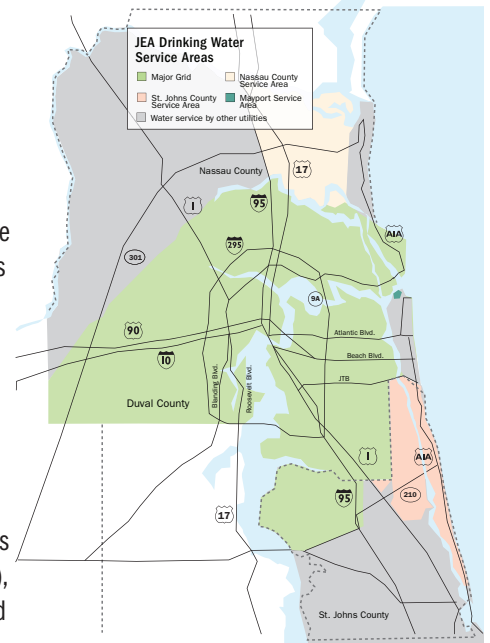
**Know and follow mandated watering days.**



**Install rain sensors.**

## Jacksonville's Water Grid

JEA's Major Grid provides water to most of Duval County and the northwest portion of St. Johns County. JEA also supplies water to the Yulee area, Mayport, and from Ponte Vedra south to Vilano Beach along A1A. Also along the Intracoastal Waterway in Palm Valley there is one small area that gets its water through an interconnection with the St. Johns County Utility Department. Our grid arrangements provide reliable water service backup as needed, particularly during emergencies or periods of routine plant maintenance shutdowns. [jea.com/drinkingwater](http://jea.com/drinkingwater)



## Water Hardness Levels

Water is described as "hard" when it contains high levels of dissolved minerals—primarily calcium and magnesium. While these naturally occurring compounds can leave spots on dishes and windows (easily removed with white vinegar), they do not present a health risk. In fact, both calcium and magnesium are commonly taken as health supplements.

The table indicating the total hardness found in all JEA-serviced zip codes can be found at [jea.com/hardness](http://jea.com/hardness).

## Water Supply

Over 15 wells were rehabilitated to recover their specific capacity that had been decreased over the years. The additional capacity achieved at these wells increased the overall ability of JEA wellfields to meet customers' demands while lowering the pumping stress on the wells, preserving the water quality for many years to come.

JEA constructed 2 new wells and a water storage tank to provide redundant water supply in Nassau County and south of the river on the Major Grid.

## JEA Purified Water Program

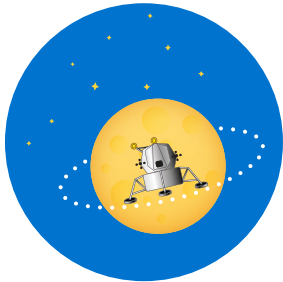
There are several possible solutions for ensuring a sustainable water supply in the future. While JEA has already implemented robust conservation initiatives and an expansive reclaimed water system for irrigation purposes, one promising approach is purified water.

Other potential solutions include surface water treatment and desalination, however each of these comes with higher costs and complexity. As other utilities have demonstrated positive environmental impacts through water purification, JEA has committed resources to evaluate purified water as a potential alternative source of water for Northeast Florida.



JEA's 8,000+ miles of water/wastewater pipes is greater than the 6,783 miles

it takes to drive a lunar rover around the circumference of the moon.



22,618 Feet

New water pipe installed in 2020 to replace aging infrastructure

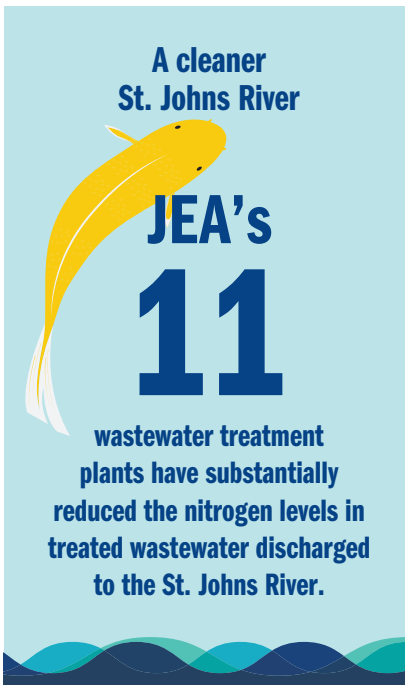


A cleaner St. Johns River



JEA's 11

wastewater treatment plants have substantially reduced the nitrogen levels in treated wastewater discharged to the St. Johns River.



\$2 Billion

JEA has invested in improvements to our local water and wastewater systems



We collect & analyze

45,000

water samples throughout our service area during the year to ensure we're providing our community with safe, clean drinking water.



With over

4,600 miles

of water lines for distribution to our customers, JEA's water system is one of the largest and most complex in the country. That's why we continually inspect, maintain and upgrade our existing infrastructure to meet an ever-increasing need for reliability.

JEA produced on average

19 million gallons

per day of reclaimed water.



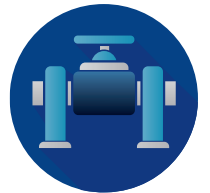
363,597

Water Customers



17,031

Reclaimed Customers



38

Water Treatment Plants

An estimated

40-50%

of the water JEA provides our customers is used outdoors, primarily for irrigation



For more information on JEA's water quality tests or to request a report, please contact us.

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