

Killeen Consumer Confidence Report Confirms Excellent Water Quality

No testing violations noted in 2017.

The City of Killeen has released its 2017 Consumer Confidence Report to inform the public of the quality and safety of its drinking water. Killeen is proud to report that it had no water quality violations in the 2017 calendar year.

“Safe drinking water is one of the most important services the City of Killeen provides,” said City Manager Ron Olson. “Our staff works diligently every day to ensure the quality and reliability of our water, and this report is an affirmation of their hard work for the public we serve.”

Extensive monitoring and testing of the city’s water system is performed throughout the year to confirm its compliance with federal and state regulations. Tests measure levels of chemical and biological contaminants to ensure that Killeen’s water is safe to drink.

While drinking water, both tap and bottled, may be reasonably expected to contain small amounts of some contaminants, measurements are established to determine whether a health risk exists. The report details all measured contaminants with minimum, maximum and average levels. Killeen’s water met or exceeded all standards in 2017.

Belton Lake is the source of Killeen’s water. Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 treats the water from the lake then provides it to the City of Killeen to provide to its customers, who are residents and businesses.

Before reaching the lake, water travels over the surface of land and flows into streams and rivers. Along its route, it can collect minerals, chemicals and biological substances that can have negative impacts on drinking water sources like Belton Lake.

Water quality can be compromised by natural and manmade causes, so it is important that daily precautions are taken. Common causes of water pollution include not cleaning up pet waste, over-fertilizing yards, allowing auto leaks to persist and illegally disposing of substances like paint, oils and chemicals. Proper cleaning and disposal of these substances can help protect our drinking water.

The 2017 Consumer Confidence Report is being distributed in June water bills and is currently available online at KilleenTexas.gov/WaterSewer.

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