

Weekly Update
Apalachicola City Water
February 8th through February 20th, 2026

Apalachicola city water quality test results continue to meet state and federal drinking water standards.

Progress

Currently Wells # 6 and 7 are operational and on-line. Well #7 was temporarily taken off-line (between Feb 11th and 17th) due to total coliform test results (below). During that time, Wells #5 and 6 were operational on-line. Well #5 is now offline for maintenance.

City Water Sample Test Results

- **Daily residual chlorine***
 - At the plant, levels ranged from 0.97 - 3.65 ppm.
 - At the remote location, levels ranged from 0.30 - 0.69 ppm.

- **Bacteria–residential**
 - On Tuesday, February 4th, water samples were collected from 6 locations around Apalachicola. Total coliform (including E. Coli) was not found in any sample.
 - Samples were collected at the following locations: Market Street and Avenue E, 274 25th Avenue, 1 Bay Avenue, 12 Sunset Circle, Living Waters Church, and 245 US Highway 98.

- **Bacteria–Wells 5, 6, and 7**
 - A drinking water sample was collected from Wells 5, 6, and 7 on Tuesday, February 10th. Laboratory test results were received on Wednesday the 11th.
 - No bacteria (total coliform or E. Coli) was found in Wells 5 or 6.
 - Total coliform was found in Well #7; E.Coli was not present.
 - Per FDEP protocol, Well #7 was immediately taken off-line. Then two additional samples were collected. One sample was collected the evening of February 11th, and one on the morning of the 12th. Total coliform was present again. E.Coli was not.
 - Per FDEP protocol and discussions with Florida rural water, Well #7 was vigorously flushed to remove any tiny particulate matter created during the well's recent rehabilitation. The water was tested again on the evening of February 15th and then on the morning of the 16th. Results (received on February 17th) of both tests were negative (no coliform or E.Coli).
 - Well #7 was put back on-line; work on Well #5 is proceeding.

- *Three things are important to note:*
 - The drinking water was never out of compliance. E. Coli was never found in the water.
 - Well #7 was immediately taken off-line per standard FDEP protocol.
 - Water is chlorinated after leaving the wells, which would kill any coliform present before the water left the treatment plant for distribution.

City of Apalachicola Drinking Water Bacteria Test Results from Well # 7 February 10 - 16, 2026			
Date Sampled	Results Received	Total Coliform Present?	E-Coli Present?
Tues, Feb. 10th	Weds, Feb 11th	Yes	No
Weds, Feb. 11th Thurs, Feb. 12th	Fri, Feb. 13th	Yes	No
Mon, Feb. 15th Tues, Feb. 16th	Tues, Feb. 17th	No	No

- **Color**

- Laboratory test results for color were received on February 6th. The sample location was water just leaving the treatment plant. This is known as the point of entry (POE) location.
- The color unit (CU) was not detected. The secondary standard** is 15 CU.

**Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. EPA recommends secondary standards to water systems but does not require systems to comply with the standard. However, states may choose to adopt them as enforceable standards.

NOTE: All drinking water test results for Apalachicola can be found on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's OCULUS web page:
<https://depedms.dep.state.fl.us/Oculus/servlet/hitlist?action=hitlist&searchResultParam=fromSearchResultPage>