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*A message from your City Manager...*

Dear Citizens of Dawsonville,

Last month, I made a commitment to you. That commitment was, “To be principal-centered and keep the most important things first. It is through that commitment that we truly find what is important in life AND will continue to point the City in the right direction.” That is why we wanted to make you aware of a recent concern regarding our city’s water supply. The City’s water is regularly tested by both the City and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and it is safe to drink. The Georgia EPD has not raised any concerns about Dawsonville’s water.

Nevertheless, the City has become aware of the presence of two naturally occurring elements in some (not all) areas of our system at levels above recommended secondary (aesthetic) guidelines which affect taste, odor, and color – not health-based safety standards. Those elements are manganese and sodium. Manganese, when oxidized (or hits oxygen), can cause water to appear rusty or discolored. Regarding sodium, for context, drinking one liter of the City’s water (at its highest sodium content in a limited area) is equivalent to drinking one 12oz can of Diet Coke. Or drinking 10 liters of our water is equivalent to eating one cup of tomato soup. Again, these are naturally occurring elements and does not make the water unsafe. While sodium is not regulated, those with high blood pressure or heart issues may wish to consult their physician to see if it could be impacting their pre-existing conditions.

Although these levels are not a health concern and not subject to state regulation, the City of Dawsonville holds itself to higher standards. Our commitment is excellence, so we are actively working to reduce these elements and improve water quality.

For your assurance, you can see our 2024 Annual Water Quality Report by going to [www.dawsonville-ga.gov/utilities](http://www.dawsonville-ga.gov/utilities). Then click on the “2024 Annual Water Quality Report – Consumer Confidence Report” in red letters.

We appreciate your understanding as we continue providing safe, reliable water for our community.



*Jacob Evans*