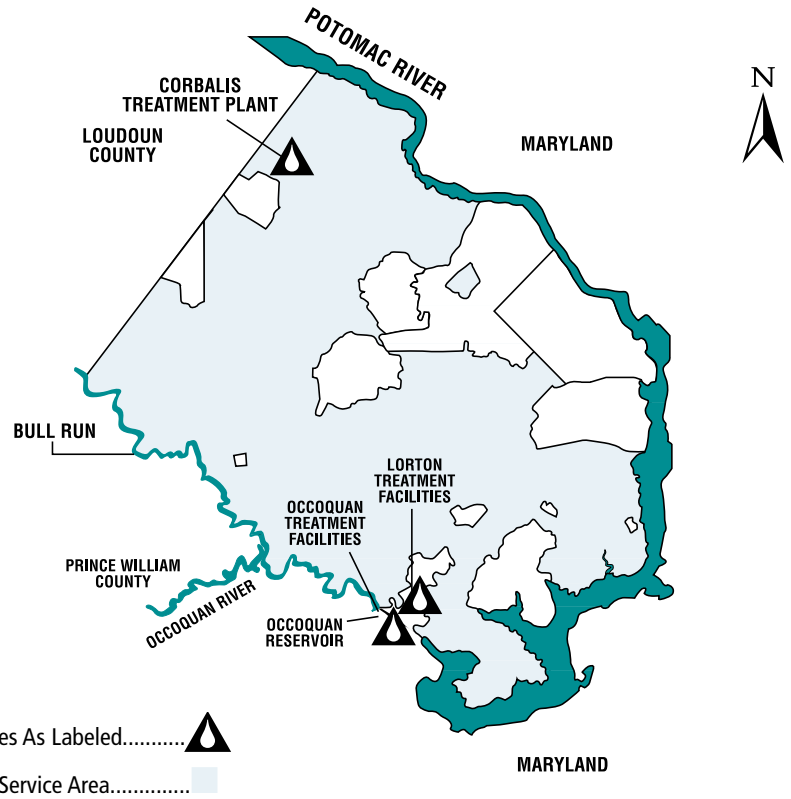


**Q.** What's the short answer to "how's my water quality?"

**A.** This report contains a lot of information and data. But the short answer is that of the more than 120 contaminants we test for, we found very few. Those found were in negligible amounts that are well below EPA's maximum contaminant levels.

## What's the Source of My Water?

Fairfax County Water Authority draws surface water from two primary sources: the Potomac River and the Occoquan Reservoir fed by the Occoquan River.\* Our treatment facilities are located at opposite ends of Fairfax County and feed an interconnected distribution system. The James J. Corbalis, Jr. Treatment Plant, located at the northern tip of our service area, draws water from the Potomac River. The Occoquan Reservoir, on the southern border of Fairfax County, supplies the Occoquan and Lorton treatment plants located near the Town of Occoquan.



*\*In 2000 Fairfax County Water Authority purchased small quantities of water from neighboring utilities. These purchases totaled only 0.1% of Fairfax County Water Authority's total water sold in 2000.*

### Important Information from EPA about...

## Drinking Water and People with Weakened Immune Systems

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).