



# How's My Waterway?

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## *Informing the conversation about your waters*

Use **How's My Waterway** to learn about your water, explore data, and find out what's happening in your community — anywhere, anytime.

**How's My Waterway** provides the public with an easily accessible and understandable picture of water quality at a community, state, or national scale. Map-centric and mobile-friendly, How's My Waterway works on all different screen sizes ranging from desktop computers and tablets to mobile phones.

## What will I find?

**Community:** Learn about the health of your waters, identified issues, why the issues matter, and what's being done to restore or protect the waters. Find out more about your drinking water. Discover if waters in your community are suitable for swimming or eating fish and if they support aquatic life.

**State:** Choose a state to find basic facts about a state's waters, summaries of specific water assessments, a statewide survey of water quality where available, and state drinking water metrics.

**National:** Learn about the quality of water resources across the nation (lakes, rivers and streams, wetlands, and coastal areas) and the main challenges to our water resources nationwide. You will also find information about national drinking water quality and national drinking water metrics.



**Aquatic  
Life**



**Swimming**



**Eating  
Fish**



**Drinking  
Water**

## READY TO EXPLORE?

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## QUESTIONS?

Contact: [mywaterway@epa.gov](mailto:mywaterway@epa.gov)

With **How's My Waterway** you can explore waters at the community, state, and national levels.

**Community** State National

Let's get started!

nashville [Go](#)

**Cheatham Reservoir**  
ID: TN05130202001\_2000

Year Last Reported: 2018  
Waterbody Condition: Good

Evaluated Use	Condition
Drinking Water	Good
Aquatic Life	Good
Recreation	Good
Other	Good

[View Waterbody Report](#)

[View on Map](#)

**Swimming** Show Text

Community **State** National

Let's get started! Select your state or territory from the drop down to begin exploring water quality.

Tennessee [Go](#)

State Water Quality Overview Advanced Search

**Tennessee Water Quality**

Choose a Topic:

Swimming Eating Fish Aquatic Life Drinking Water Other

Pick your Water Type and Use:

Water Type: Lakes and Reservoirs Use: Recreation

**Assessed Lakes and Reservoirs that support Recreation**

Targeted monitoring provides information on water quality problems for the subset of those waters that were assessed.

Good	362,122 acres
Impaired	200,976 acres
Insufficient Info	0 acres

Year Last Reported: 2020

Community State **National**

National Water Quality National Drinking Water

**Explore National Water Quality**

EPA, states, and tribes survey a representative sample of our nation's waters to provide an accurate snapshot of water quality, and track changes over time.

**Excess nutrients in waterways continue to be an issue**

Excess Nutrients in Waterways (opens new browser tab) is one of America's most widespread water quality issues. While nutrients are important, too much of a good thing can become a bad thing. Excess nutrients can lead to excessive algae growth, which can use up oxygen that aquatic organisms need to survive. Too much algae growth can cause fish to die. Learn more about what EPA is doing to reduce excess nutrients in waterways (opens new browser tab).

**Learn about the health of our waters**

Rivers and Streams	Lakes	Coasts	Wetlands
Expand All			
28% of our rivers and streams are healthy based on their biological communities when compared to the best 75% of the least-disturbed river and stream reference sites in the same region			
46% of our rivers and streams have excess nutrients when compared to the worst 5% of the least-disturbed river and stream reference sites			
56% of our rivers and streams have healthy riverside vegetation when compared to the best 75% of the least-disturbed river and stream reference sites			

This data is pulled from the National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS) and the metrics are only for the continental US.

Learn more about waterbody types

Scan the QR Code using your smartphone's camera app or your preferred search app.



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