



# 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](#)

**Legend:**  
 ● Waterbody: Good  
 ● Waterbody: Impaired  
 ▲ Waterbody: Condition Unknown

**Cheatham Reservoir**  
 State Waterbody ID: TN05130202001\_2000  
 Year Last Reported: 2022  
 Waterbody Condition: ● Good  
 Organization Name (ID): Tennessee (TDECWR)

What is this water used for?	Condition
Drinking Water	Good
Aquatic Life	Good
Swimming and Boating	Good
Other	Good

[View Waterbody Report](#) (opens new browser tab)  
[View on Map](#)

**Nashville, Tennessee**  
 WATERSHED: Cumberland River-Browns Creek (051302020305)

Overview Swimming Eating Fish Aquatic Life Drinking Water

**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	318,276 acres
Impaired	227,683 acres

Year Last Reported: 2022

Community State **National**

National Water Quality National Drinking Water

**How healthy are our nation's waterways?**

Nationally, more than 70% of our estuaries have healthy biological communities while fewer than half of our rivers and streams, lakes, wetlands and Great Lakes coasts do. Biological condition tells us how healthy a waterbody is. A healthy waterbody supports biological communities such as fish, insects, crayfish, and vegetation. Excess nutrients, sediments, other pollution and alterations to habitat can negatively impact these communities.

**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. In the U.S., 58% of rivers and streams, 40% of lakes and 21% of coastal waters have high levels of nutrients. 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			
30% of our rivers and streams are healthy based on their biological communities			
58% of our rivers and streams have excess nutrients			
58% of our rivers and streams have healthy riverside vegetation			

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