

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP WATER DISTRICT Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report For 2023

The Greenfield Township Water District (GTWD) has prepared the following report to provide information to you, the consumer, on the quality of our drinking water. Included within this report is general health information, water quality test results, how to participate in decisions concerning your drinking water and water system contacts.

The GTWD's water treatment facility receives its drinking water from two (2) water wells located at the water treatment plant. Treatment consists of iron and manganese removal, ion exchange softening and chlorination.

Ohio EPA's initial study of the GTWD's source of drinking water to identify potential contaminant sources and provide guidance on protecting the drinking water source. According to this study, the aquifer (water-rich zone) that supplies water to the GTWD has a low susceptibility to contamination. This determination is based on the following:

Presence of a thick protective layer of clay overlying the aquifer, significant depth (over 25 feet below ground surface) of the aquifer, no evidence to suggest that ground water has been impacted by any significant levels of chemical contaminant from human activities, and presence of some significant sources in the protection area.

This susceptibility means that under current existing conditions, the likelihood of the aquifer becoming contaminated is relatively low. This likelihood can be minimized by implementing appropriate protective measures. More information about the source water assessment or what consumers can do to help protect the aquifer is available by calling the Chief Water Operator at 614-322-5200.

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife; (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; (E) radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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 infection. 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 (1-800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Greenfield Township Water District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The GTWD conducted sampling for bacteria, haloacetic acids, total trihalomethanes, and chlorine. Also in 2023, we tested the water for inorganic, volatile organic, and synthetic organic compounds. The detected contaminants are listed in the table below. All other results were below detectable limits. The annual sample tested for nitrate nitrogen was also below detectable limits. The Ohio EPA requires us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Some of our data, though accurate, is more than one year old.

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INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS	MRDL	MRD LG	LEVEL FOUND	RANGE OF DETECTION	SAMPLE YEAR	ARE WE IN COMPLIANCE	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANTS	
CHLORINE (ppm)	4	4	1.3	1.0-1.4	2023	YES	ADDED TO DISINFECT THE WATER	
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS	MCL	MCL G	Greenfield WATER					
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	3.1	N/A	2023	YES	EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2	0.058	N/A	2023	YES	EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	0.2947	N/A	2023	YES	EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	
LEAD (ppb)	0	AL= 15	<2.0	N/A	2022	YES	CORROSION OF HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING SYSTEMS	
	0 out of 11 samples was found to have lead levels in excess of the action level of 15 ppb)							
COPPER (ppm)	1.3	AL 1.3	0.120	0.03-0.17	2022	YES	CORROSION OF HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING SYSTEMS	
	0 out of 11 samples was found to have copper levels in excess of Action Level of 1.3 ppm							

COPPER LEVEL IN DRINKING WATER MAY BE ELEVATED WHEN COPPER SERVICE LINES ARE USED IN A HOUSE OR BUSINESS. ADDITIONALLY, IF YOUR RESIDENCE HAS AN IMPROPER ELECTRICAL GROUND, COPPER LEVELS IN THE DRINKING WATER MAY INCREASE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COPPER IN DRINKING WATER, PLEASE CONTACT THE WATER DIVISION.

DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS

HALOACETIC ACIDS 5 (ppb)	NA	60	<6.0	<6.0	2023	YES	BYPRODUCT OF DRINKING WATER CHLORINATION
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (ppb)	NA	80	15.1	10.1-15.1	2023	YES	BYPRODUCT OF DRINKING WATER CHLORINATION

NON-REGULATED SECONDARY STANDARDS: Non-Mandatory Water Quality Standards

IRON (ppm)	N/A	N/A	0.072	<0.04-0.072	2023	IRON IS NOT A HEALTH RELATED STANDARD BUT IS AESTHETICALLY UNPLEASANT FROM ITS YELLOWISH TO BROWNISH COLOR AND STALE TASTE	
MANGANESE (ppm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	<0.1	2023	MANGANESE IS NOT A HEALTH RELATED STANDARD BUT IS AESTHETICALLY UNPLEASANT DUE TO ITS ABILITY TO CAUSE BLACK STAINS	
HARDNESS (ppm)	N/A	N/A	128	96-202	2023	PRIMARILY MADE UP OF CALCIUM AND MAGNESIUM SALTS. SOFT WATER CREATES SUDS EASIER. WATER TOO SOFT CAN BE CORROSIVE. THE HARDER THE WATER, THE MORE RESIDUAL DEPOSITS. OEPA RECOMMENDS HARDNESS IN THE RANGE OF 120-160 mg/l	
SODIUM (ppm)	N/A	N/A	136	105-196	2023	INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE ON A SODIUM RESTRICTED DIET	

Public participation and comment are encouraged at regular monthly meetings of the Fairfield County Commissioners, which meet weekly on Tuesdays on the second floor of the Fairfield County Courthouse. For more information on your drinking water contact the Chief Water Operator at (614) 322-5200.

We have a current unconditioned license to operate our water system.

Definitions of some terms contained within this report.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant level (MCL): The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Parts per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (ppm) are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days.

Parts per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter (µg/L) are units of measure for concentration of a

contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in 31.7 years.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

The "<" symbol: A symbol which means less than. A result of <5 means that the lowest level that could be detected was 5 and the contaminant in that sample was not detected.