



Consumer Confidence Report

Village of Lowell

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Report
2016

Where Your Water Comes From

The Village of Lowell water department has prepared the following report for 2016 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 Village of Lowell receives its water from two production wells located along the Muskingum River. Water treatment consists of liquid Sodium Hypochlorite, which is injected into the system by two independent injection feed pumps. We also maintain a hydro

pneumatic booster station which provides water for our customers located on State Route 530.

Our daily water usage is around 65,000 gallons, with a storage tank capacity of 100,000 gallons which gives us a day and half supply of water.

If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled board meetings. They are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Village Town Hall.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact our office. (740) 896-3046

Check Out Our EPA Record on the Web

The Village of Lowell currently holds an unconditioned license to operate our water system. We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. This report shows our water quality and what it means.

You can view our EPA record on the internet. Just go to the EPA website at <http://ohioepasiteexplorer.epa.ohio.gov>. Type in Lowell Village in the keywords section. Click on search, then click on Lowell Village PWS.

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**EPA Safe Drinking
Water Hotline
1(800) 426-4791**



What are sources of contamination to drinking water?

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 Federal Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Whats is in Your Water

Contaminant Monitoring Definitions: You may find terms and abbreviations in this newsletter that you may not be familiar with. This list should help you better understand.

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.

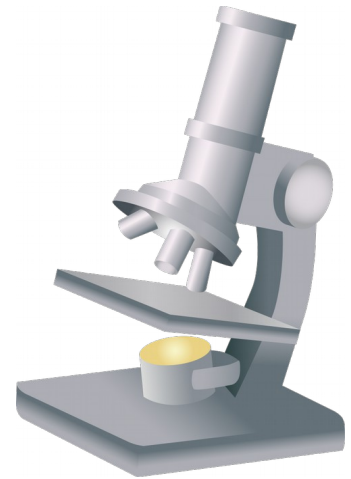
Parts per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/L): are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days.

Parts per Billion (ppb) or Micro-grams 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.

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.

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



Help Protect Your Well Fields

The **Village of Lowell** relies on ground water resources to provide drinking water to the local businesses and residences. As a resident or business please be aware that the actions you take within or near the protection area can affect the quality of water and the cost of cleaning drinking water.

Ground water contamination can occur through the improper disposal of chemicals such as cleaning, automotive and lawn/garden products, as well as oil, furniture strippers, and oil and latex based paints. Storm water runoff can carry these pollutants to areas of infiltration potentially contaminating the ground water

supply.

Improper disposal methods include pouring chemicals on the ground, down a sink or toilet that is connected to a septic system, or down storm drains that lead into the ground or to a nearby stream.

How can you help?

- Always follow manufacturers directions for use and disposal
- Recycle
- Use up products
- Don't overbuy. Purchase only the amount that you will use.

Contact Kathy Davis, Storm Water Specialist, Washington SWD (740) 373-4857 for recycling and disposal options

High Susceptibility PWS Based on High Sensitivity

The aquifer that supplies drinking water to the **Village of Lowell** has a high susceptibility to contamination due to the sensitive nature of the aquifer and the existing potential contaminant sources identified. This does not mean that this well field will become contaminated; only that conditions are such that the ground water could be impacted by potential contaminant sources. Future contamination may be avoided by implementing protective measures. More information is available by calling your operators or the office.

Immuno Compromised Persons

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and some 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 at 1 (800) 426-4791

Boil Advisory Alert

After a line break or depressurization of the water system in your area, you may experience cloudy or brown water. To alleviate this problem, flush service lines to clear. Boil any water used for drinking, including water used to make ice, cooking, or for oral hygiene until further notice. You should boil water vigorously for 3 minutes. Boil advisory information will be announced by the following media sources.

Your local newspaper and **WTAP-TV**

Notice to ALL Customers

This notice is mailed to our customers in accordance with provisions of the Ohio Revised Code Section 4933.19. Tampering with water meters or water service equipment and the theft of water are criminal activities and may result in penalties to offenders. A person found benefiting from tampering or an unauthorized service connection is presumed to have committed the violation and will be prosecuted. It is a crime to tamper with or by-pass a water meter. It is also a crime to reconnect a water meter that has been disconnected by the utility. It is a crime to knowingly consume any water which has not been correctly registered because a meter has been tampered with or by-passed or knowingly use services that has been disconnected by a utility.

Lead Warning

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 Village of Lowell 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 Water Drinking Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov>

Nitrate Warning

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should seek advice from your health care provider.

Contact Information

For any questions or concerns regarding water leaks, line breaks or meter readings, contact Craig Barker at 740-350-1594 or Joe White 740-236-2158

DRINKING WATER NOTICE
Monitoring requirements were not met for
Lowell Village PWS

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. -During October 2016, we did not monitor or test for total coliform bacteria, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time. **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This notice is to inform you that the Village of Lowell PWS did not monitor and report results for the presence of total coliform bacteria in the drinking water system during the October 2016 time period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

What is being done?

Upon being notified of this violation, the water supply was required to have the drinking water analyzed for the above mentioned parameters. The water supplier will take steps to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future.

For more information, please contact Joe White at 740-896-3086 or at 308 Walnut Street, Lowell OH 45744.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

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We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the Three Year (2014-2016) time period we did not monitor for the following contaminants and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

Lead and Copper**What should I do?**

- This notice is to inform you that the Village of Lowell PWS did not monitor and report results for the presence of the contaminants listed above in the public drinking water system during the Three Year (2014-2016) time period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. You do not need to take any further actions in response to this notice.

What is being done?

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Additional information may be obtained by contacting Lowell Village PWS at:

Contact person: Joe White

Phone Number: 740-896-3086

Mailing Address: 308 Walnut Street, Lowell OH 45744.

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PO Box 337
Lowell, OH 45744
Phone (740) 896-3046

Listed below is information on contaminants that were found in the Village of Lowell's drinking water.

Contaminant (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminant
Inorganic Contaminants							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.11	0.11	No	2016	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	90 th % <5.0	NA	Yes	2016	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
							Zero out of 20 samples was found to have lead levels in excess of the lead action level of 15 ppb.
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	90 th % 0.18	NA	Yes	2016	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
							Zero out of 20 samples were found to have copper levels in excess of the copper action level of 1.3 ppm.
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	6.4	5.2-6.4	No	2016	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminant
Residual Disinfectants							
Total Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL G=4	4	1.97	0.01-2.44	No	2016	Water additive used to control microbes.