

Municipality of West Milton

Drinking Water Quality Report for 2021

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The Municipality of West Milton obtains water from the City of Troy and adds fluoride for dental health and additional chlorine is added to insure proper disinfection throughout West Milton's distribution system. Details of the City of Troy's water source and test results can be found in this report. The Municipality of West Milton has a current, unconditioned license to operate our water system.

The West Milton Water Treatment Plant treated 129.58 million gallons of clean, clear drinking water in 2021 and conducted sampling for bacteria and radioactive contaminants as well as routine testing for Fluoride and Chlorine residual. Listed below are the detected contaminants.

Substances That Could Be in Water

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration 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 these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. 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, in some cases, radioactive material, and substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Substances that may be present in source water include:

Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, or wildlife;

Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or may result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming;

Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses;

Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems;

Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Water Quality Results for 2021

Contaminants (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminants
Disinfectant and Disinfectant By-Products							
Total Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	1.024167	.86-1.18	No	2021	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	Below detectable range of 60ug/L		No	2021	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	N/A	80	25.5	24.7-25.5	No	2021	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants							
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.8	.41-1.24	No	2021	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead and Copper							
Contaminants (units)	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	Individual Results over the AL	90% of test levels were less than	Violation	Year Sampled	Typical source of Contaminants
Lead (ppb)	15 ppb	0 ppb	Zero	0	No	2019	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
0 out of 20 samples were found to have lead levels in excess of the lead action level of 15 ppb.							
Copper (ppm)	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	Zero	0.0194	No	2019	Erosions of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosions of household plumbing systems
0 out of 20 samples were found to have copper levels in excess of the copper action level of 1.3 ppm.							

***EPA required health information** *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 (800-426-4791).*

*** IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION** *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) or www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/.*

Lead Education Information *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 City of Troy 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 at 800-426-4791 or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.*

The Village of West Milton does triennial sampling for both lead and copper. The next sampling for both lead and copper is 2022

Public participation and comments are encouraged at regular council meetings of the West Milton Municipal council, which meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal building, 701 S. Miami Street. In addition, council conducts a workshop, generally the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. For more information on public meetings, contact the Municipal offices @698-1500, extension 100. For questions regarding this report or West Milton's water quality, please contact Ben Herron@ (937) 698-1500 extension 116.

BILLING INFORMATION 937-698-1500 ext:108

WATER TREATMENT 937-698- 4884

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The City of Troy Public Water System (PWS) is pleased to present this report and provide information on the quality of Troy drinking water. Within this report is general health information, water quality test results for the period January 1 -December 31, 2021, how to participate in decisions concerning your drinking water, and Troy water system contacts. We have a current, unconditioned license to operate our public water system.

Our Water Source

The City of Troy drinking water source is the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer (GMBVA). This is an enormous water-bearing sand and gravel formation associated with the Great Miami River. The GMBVA extends from north of Troy to the Ohio River, ranging from 30 to 300 feet in depth and from 1 to 3 miles wide. This aquifer is replenished by underground sources, precipitation, and riverbed filtration. Troy utilizes 10 production wells to pump water from this aquifer for treatment at the water plant. These wells are adjacent to the Great Miami River and are located at the Miami Shores Golf Course and the Troy Community Park. Well water is pumped to the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) where it is softened, clarified, disinfected, stabilized, and filtered prior to being pumped to our water consumers. In 2021, the finish water averaged 112 parts per million (ppm) hardness and 65 ppm of alkalinity, with an average pH of 8.72. In 2021, our treatment facility provided approximately 1.43 billion gallons of treated drinking water to consumers in Troy, Miami County, West Milton, and Ludlow Falls. Our treated water quality meets or exceeds all of the standards that are set forth by the State of Ohio and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information about this report or your drinking water, please call Ralph Walters, Assistant Plant Superintendent, or Steven Suerdick Operations Technician at (937)339-4826, or reach them via email: ralph.walters@troyohio.gov. or steven.suerdick@troyohio.gov

Samples from Troy's 10 deep wells are analyzed monthly for over 100 compounds by an EPA-certified independent lab, to ensure our source water is absolutely safe.

Source Water Assessment

The City of Troy started a source water monitoring program in 1984. In 1992, Troy developed a Wellhead Protection program. This identifies potential source of groundwater contamination within a 5-yr. time of travel zone around our wells. We have 25 monitoring wells to test water quality beyond our well fields. Zoning regulations have been adopted to further reduce potential contamination within a 1 yr. time of travel zone. Effective public outreach efforts to inform our residents and businesses are a/so an important part of this plan for safe-guarding our vital water resource. In 2020 we sampled 19 of these remote sites, from which it would take a contaminant years to reach our production wells. We also draw monthly samples for contaminants from each of our production wells.

A Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) Plan is a key component of Troy's wellhead protection and monitoring program. An update of this plan was completed in 2016, and approved by the Ohio EPA in 2017. In 2018 the City of Troy received recognition from the Ohio EPA for exceptional implementation of the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan. The SWAP Plan is available at our office for review. Due to the highly permeable sand and gravel formation above our aquifer, this SWAP plan designates our water supply with a high susceptibility rating. Safe public practices are thus extremely important in protecting our source water from surface contaminants.

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).

Who needs to take special precautions?

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)

2021 Sampling Results

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The City of Troy collected hundreds of water samples to determine the presence of any hazardous contaminants during 2021. The Ohio EPA does not require us to monitor for all contaminants every year, as concentrations of many are nonexistent, or very low and stable. In those cases, the most recent sample data are included, along with the year in which the sample was taken. 30 bacteriological samples from the City of Troy distribution system were taken each month in 2021, with no coliform or E. coli bacteria ever detected. The table below shows only those contaminants that were detected in the treated drinking water.

City of Troy Annual CCR 2021							
REGULATED SUBSTANCES							
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	MCL [MRDL]	MCLG [MRDLG]	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	VIOLATION	TYPICAL SOURCE
Total Chlorine (ppm)*	2021	4	4	0.82	0.80-0.82	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids [HAA5] (ppb)	2021	60	N/A	4.9	3.5-6.3	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	2021	80	N/A	21.65	20.4-22.9	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
Barium (ppm)	2021	2	2	0.056	0.056-0.056	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)**	2021	4	4	0.36	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Mercury (ppb)	2021	2	2	0.1	0.1-0.1	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland.
Nitrate(measured as Nitrogen ppm)	2021	10	10	0.41	0.41-0.41	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
CIS-1,2 Dichloroethylene (ppb)	2021	70	70	0.1	0-0.1	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories.
LEAD AND COPPER							
Contaminants (Units)	Action Level (AL)	Individual Results over the AL	90% of Test levels were less than	Violation	Year Sampled	Typical Source	
Lead (ppb)	15	N/A	0.0 ppb	No	2019	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
	Zero of 30 samples were found to have lead levels in excess of the lead action level of 15 ppb						
Copper (ppm)	1.3	N/A	0.046 ppm	No	2019	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
	Zero of 30 samples were found to have copper levels in excess of the copper action level of 1.3 ppm						
UNREGULATED SUBSTANCES							
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	TYPICAL SOURCE			
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	2021	6.9	6.6-7.2	By-product of disinfection: component of Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) shown in the table above			
Bromoform (ppb)	2021	2.65	2.5-2.8	By-product of disinfection: component of Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) shown in the table above			
Chloroform (ppb)	2021	5.0	4.6-5.4	By-product of disinfection: component of Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) shown in the table above			
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	2021	7.15	6.8-7.5	By-product of disinfection: component of Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) shown in the table above			
* The value of 0.82 as the amount detected is the highest quarterly running annual average of chlorine measured in the bacteria samples taken 30 times a month from the City of Troy Distribution system from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.							
** This is amount of fluoride naturally occurring in the Troy well water that remains in the finished water after treatment. Troy does not add fluoride to the water.							

Definitions

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

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

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal): 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.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level): 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.

MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal): The level of a 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.

NA: Not applicable

ppb (parts per billion): One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

ppm (parts per million): One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

SMCL (Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level): SMCLs are established to regulate the aesthetics of drinking water like taste and odor.

Tap Tips

The most common signs that your faucet or sink is affecting the quality of your drinking water are discolored water, sink or faucet stains, a buildup of particles, unusual odors or tastes, and a reduced flow of water. The solutions to these problems may be in your hands.

Kitchen sink and drain

Hand washing, soap scum buildup, and the handling of raw meats and vegetables can contaminate your sink. Clogged drains can lead to unclean sinks and backed up water in which bacteria (i.e., pink and black colored slime growth) can grow and contaminate the sink area and faucet, causing a rotten egg odor. Disinfect and clean the sink and drain area regularly. Also, flush regularly with hot water.

Faucets, screens, and aerators

Chemicals and bacteria can splash and accumulate on the faucet screen and aerator, which are located on the tip of faucets and can collect particles like sediment and minerals resulting in a decreased flow from the faucet. Clean and disinfect the aerators or screens on a regular basis. Check with your plumber if you find particles in the faucet's screen as they could be pieces of plastic from the hot water heater's dip tube. Faucet gaskets can break down and cause black, oily slime. If you find this slime, replace the faucet's gasket with a higher-quality product. White scaling or hard deposits on faucets and shower heads may be caused by hard water or water with high levels of calcium carbonate. Clean these fixtures with vinegar or use water softening to reduce the calcium carbonate levels for the hot water system.

Water filtration/treatment devices

A smell of rotten eggs can be a sign of bacteria on the filters or in the treatment system. The system can also become clogged over time so regular filter replacement is important.
(Remember to replace your refrigerator filters!)

Legionella and Legionnaires' disease

Stagnant or standing water in a plumbing system can increase the risk for growth and spread of Legionella and other biofilm-associated bacteria. When water is stagnant, hot water temperatures can decrease to the Legionella growth range (77–113°F, 25–42°C). Stagnant water can also lead to low or undetectable levels of disinfectant, such as chlorine. Ensure that your water system is safe to use after a prolonged shutdown to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease and other diseases associated with water.

From: (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>)