

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2020
Village of Cleveland
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Public Water Supply ID # 370435

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State and Federal regulations, the Village of Cleveland will be issuing an annual report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water awareness and the need to protect our drinking water sources.

Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality statement. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Julie Simpson, Village Clerk at (315) 675-8611. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Village of Cleveland Hall at 6:30 PM.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, 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 activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The NYSDOH and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

FACTS AND FIGURES:

Our water system serves approximately 926 people via 380 service connections. The village's water source consists of two drilled wells with an average depth of approximately 70 feet. The well field is located approximately two miles north of the village's incorporated limits. Water from the wells is pumped into one 250,000-gallon water tower. The Village has an average daily production of 130,000 gallons. The water is disinfected with liquid sodium hypochlorite (Chlorine) using an injection pump at the pump house. The Village of Cleveland Water System Improvement Project will begin in the spring of 2021. This project will include replacement of some water mains, construction of a new water tower and the installation of a back-up well.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT:

The NYSDOH has completed a source water assessment for this system. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated by reviewing limited existing mapped data and available information from past sanitary surveys. The state source water assessment provides a susceptibility rating based on the potential risk posed by each possible source of contamination and how easily contaminants could move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is or will become contaminated. See section “Are there contaminants in our drinking water?” for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessment was completed to provide owners and operators with additional information to help them protect your source waters into the future.

As mentioned above, our water is derived from two drilled wells. The source water assessment rated these wells as having a medium-high susceptibility rating for bacteria, viruses, and protozoa. No other significant sources of possible contamination were identified.

Please note that the finished water delivered into your home meets the New York State’s drinking water standards for microbial contamination. County and state health departments will use this risk assessment information to direct future source water protection activities. These may include water quality monitoring, wellhead protection, resource management, planning, and education programs. A copy of the assessment can be obtained by contacting us, as noted below.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably 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 EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the Oswego County Health Department at (315) 349-3557.

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations during 2020.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. During 2020, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

DO I NEED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS? IS OUR WATER SAFE FOR EVERYONE?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded State and Federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens 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 from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia, and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). Please note that testing of the water at this system has shown that this water is suitable for drinking water purposes, and contains very low amounts of contaminants and should not pose any health risks.

INFORMATION FOR NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING RESIDENTS

Spanish:

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua beber. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

French:

Ce rapport contient des informations importantes sur votre eau potable. Traduisez le ou parlez en avec quelqu'un qui le comprend bien.

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire fighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water.

Conservation tips include:

- Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So, get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it up and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary to address improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community.

Table Of Detected Compounds

Contaminant	Violation (Yes/No)	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT, or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	No	8/6/19	.015 mg/l	mg/L	2mg/L	2 mg/L	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chloride	No	12/23/19	2.4 mg/l	mg/L	N/A	250 mg/L	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt.
Copper 90th percentile*	No	8/20/20	110 ug/l Range (7.8-120)	ug/l	1,300 ug/l	AL = 1300 ug/l	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead 90th percentile *	No	8/20/20	0 ug/l Range (0 - 4)	ug/L	N/A	AL = 15 ug/L	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate (As Nitrogen)	No	12/23/19	0.62 mg/l	mg/L	10 mg/L	10 mg/L	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium **	No	12/23/19	2.4 mg/l	mg/L	N/A	2 mg/L	Naturally occurring, road salt, water softener treatment, animal waste.
Sulfate	No	12/23/19	4.9 mg/l	mg/l	N/A	250 mg/l	Naturall Occuring

Disinfection By-Products

Total Trihalo-methanes (TTHM)	No	8/20/20	4.0 ug/l	ug/L	N/A	80ug/L	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.
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Radioactive Contaminants

Radium 226	No	8/5/19	0.262 pCi/L	pCi/L	0 pCi/L	5 pCi/L ¹	Erosion of natural deposits.
Radium 228	No	8/5/19	0.483 pCi/L	pCi/L	0 pCi/L	5 pCi/L ¹	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Alpha ²	No	8/5/19	0.29 pCi/L	pCi/L	0 pCi/L	15 pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium 226 & 228	No	8/5/19	0.745 pCi/L	pCi/L	0 pCi/L	5 pCi/L ³	Erosion of natural deposits.

Notes:

* The levels presented for copper and lead represents the 90th percentile of the 10 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of the distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile value is equal to or greater than 90% of the values detected in your water system. In this case 10 samples were collected and the 90th percentile value was the second highest value.

** No State standards exist for levels of sodium in public drinking water. However, the State recommends that water containing more than 20,000 ppb of sodium not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270,000 ppb of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.

DEFINITIONS:

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

Maximum Contaminant Level – The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is 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.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal – The “Goal” (MCLG) is 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.

Non-Detects (ND or <number value) – Laboratory analysis indicates that the tested compound is not present in the sample.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) – Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million – ppm). Or one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) – Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion – ppb). Or one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a