

**LEAD EDUCATION**

"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 with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Wapakoneta 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:

<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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**SUSCEPTIBILITY ANALYSIS**

This assessment indicates that the City of Wapakoneta's source of drinking water has a high susceptibility to contamination due to:

*The presence of over 140 significant potential contaminant sources in the protection area and,*

*The presence of contamination from the City of Wapakoneta Landfill in the ground water within the delineated one year time of travel for the City's eastern wellfield. It is unclear at this time whether or not the contaminated ground water is connected to the aquifer which supplies water to the City's wells.*

The risk of future contamination can be minimized by implementing appropriate protective measures.

*\*\*\* The eastern wellfield no longer exists \*\*\**

If you wish to view our source water assessment, it can be found at:

Contact Brent Hamel, Supt for more information at 419-738-7439 or [bhamel@wapakoneta.net](mailto:bhamel@wapakoneta.net)



City of Wapakoneta, Ohio

**ANNUAL WATER  
QUALITY  
&  
CONSUMER  
CONFIDENCE REPORT**

**2023  
(for the 2022 year)**

***Providing Water since 1895***

**CITY OF WAPAKONETA - Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report For 2022**

The City of Wapakoneta 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, and how to participate in decisions concerning your drinking water and water system contacts.

*Water Supply and Treatment*

The City of Wapakoneta is fortunate to have a supply of exceptional quality ground water that comes from the ancient Teays River Valley Aquifer. Our ground water source consists of seven deep wells, located in two well fields. The untreated well water is pumped into the treatment plant and goes through a four-stage treatment process which includes aeration, filtration, chlorination and sodium ion-exchange softening, producing a high-quality finished drinking water for the community. Certified city water plant operators check water quality daily at every stage of the treatment process to ensure that safe, quality water is delivered to the customer.

*Water System Improvements 2022 - 2023*

**Supply & Treatment:** In October 2021, construction to expand the water treatment plant began, changing the process to a Lime & Soda Ash Softening Plant. In 2023, the Lime/Soda Ash process will replace the Ion-Exchange treatment. It will increase our production capability from 4.0 MGD to a potential 5.6 MGD (million gallons per day) in the future. The water plant produced 881 MG in 2022 with an average of 2.42 MG per day.

*About Your Drinking Water*

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The City of Wapakoneta Water Department conducted sampling for bacteria, inorganic, and volatile organic contaminants during 2021. Samples were collected for different contaminants, most of which were not detected in the City of Wapakoneta water supply

***In 2022 we had an "Unconditional License" to operate our water system.***

***How to read the Water Quality Data Table:*** EPA establishes the safe drinking water regulations that limit the amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. The table shows the concentrations of detected substances in comparison to regulatory limits. Substances that were tested for, but not detected, are not included in this table.

*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 under-going 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 at 1-800-426-4791

*To Learn More*

***To learn more about drinking water quality and water resources:***

- \* Water Plant – 738-7439 (7 am – 330 pm )  
***Brent Hamel, Water Supt.***
- \* City Hall – 738-6111 ( 730 am – 400 pm )
- \* E-Mail – [bhamel@wapakoneta.net](mailto:bhamel@wapakoneta.net)
- \* Internet – [www.wapakoneta.net](http://www.wapakoneta.net)

***Participating in decision making:***

Public participation and comments are encouraged at regular meetings of the City Council, which meets on the first and third Monday of each month at City Hall, 7:30 pm

***Other Sites of Interest:***

- American Water Works Association  
( [www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org) )
- Ohio Section - American Water Works Assn  
( [www.oawwa.org](http://www.oawwa.org) )
- Ohio EPA Division of Drinking & Ground Water  
( [www.epa.ohio.gov](http://www.epa.ohio.gov) )

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 contaminant, 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 the 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, EPA 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 at 1-800-426-4791

DEFINITIONS OF SOME TERMS CONTAINED WITHIN THIS REPORT

**MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)** -- The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's 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. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal)** -- The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)** -- The highest residual disinfectant level allowed.

**ppm (Parts Per Million) or mg/l (Milligrams per liter)** -- Units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days.

**ppb (Parts Per Billion) or ug/l (Micrograms per liter)** -- Units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in 31.7 years.

**AL (Action Level)** -- The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment of 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.

**pCi/L** -- picocuries per liter is a measurement for radioactivity.

**BDL** -- below detection level

**mfl** -- million fibers per liter **N/A** -- Not Available

Listed below is information on those contaminants that were found in the CITY OF WAPAKONETA Drinking Water

<u>Lead &amp; Copper</u>	Unit	MCLG	Action Level	90% of Test Levels Were Less Than	Range Detected	Violation Yes/No	Year Sampled	Potential Source of Contamination
Lead	ppm	0	15	1.20	<.5 – 15.5	No	2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
1 out 30 samples were found to have lead in excess of the lead AL of 15 ppm								
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.23	<.005 - .76	No	2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
0 out 30 samples were found to have copper in excess of the lead AL of 1.3 ppm								
<u>Inorganic Contaminants</u>	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Avg Level Detected	Range Detected	Violation Yes/No	Year Sampled	Potential Source of Contamination
Nitrate	ppm	10	10	0.34	N/A	No	2022	Erosion of rocks & minerals
Asbestos	mfl	7	7	0.18	N/A	No	2020	Fibrous material found in waterlines
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	1.23	N/A	No	2022	Erosion of natural deposits

<u>Volatile Organic Contaminants</u>	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Avg Level Detected	Range Detected	Violation Yes/No	Year Sampled	Potential Source of Contamination
TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes)	ppb	N/A	80	45.4	27.5 ~ 63.3	No	2022	By-Product of Chlorination
HAA5 (Haloacetic Acids)	ppb	N/A	60	13.7	9.17 ~ 17.7	No	2022	By-Product of Chlorination

<u>Radioactive Contaminants</u>	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Avg Level Detected	Result	Violation Yes/No	Year Sampled	Potential Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha	pCi/L	0	15	NA	0.63	No	2017	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228	pCi/L	0	5	NA	0.84	No	2017	Erosion of natural deposits

<u>Residual Disinfection</u>	Unit	MRDLG	MRDL	Avg Level Detected	Range Detected	Violation Yes/No	Year Sampled	Potential Source of Contamination
Total Chlorine	ppm	4	4	0.93	0.81 ~ 1.13	No	2022	Water additive used to control microbes

<u>Optional Section</u>	Unit	Average for year	Range Detected	No. of Samples	Year Sampled	Source
Sodium	ppm	191	110 ~ 233	52	2022	Ion-Exchange Softening
Hardness	ppm	163	132 ~ 304	365	2022	Dissolved Naturally Occurring Minerals