

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2023
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INTRODUCTION

To comply with state regulations, Della Mobile Estates will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of 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 standard. 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 Garden Homes, Stamford Office at (203) 348-2200. We want you to be informed about your drinking water.

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 state and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Departments and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves approximately 25 mobile homes and around 56 people. Our water source is two wells approximately 100 feet deep which are located on the southeast section of your park. The water system has received a disinfection waiver from the New York State Department of Health.

The New York State Department of Health has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. For ground water sources, the assessment evaluated risk of contamination in two zones: an inner zone, of smaller radius around the well that is considered more sensitive; and an outer zone, extending either 1 mile from the well, or as limited by a hydrogeological barrier (such as a change in soil or rock layer or the presence of a water body). The higher of these ratings was used as the overall rating for the source. **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, if any. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

The source water assessment has rated our water source as having an elevated susceptibility to microbial, nitrate contamination. These ratings are due primarily to the proximity of the wells to a septic system and to permitted discharge facilities (industrial/commercial facilities that discharge wastewater into the environment and are regulated by the state and/or federal government.) In addition, the wells draw from fractured bedrock and the overlying soils may not provide adequate protection from potential contamination.

The State Health Department will use this information to direct future source water protection activities. These may include water quality monitoring, 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, turbidity, inorganic compounds, lead, copper, nitrite and nitrate, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, halo acetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds. The enclosed 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.

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 New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) at (518) 793-3893.

Table of Detected Contaminants							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit	Likely Source of Contaminant.
Inorganic Compounds							
Copper	No	8/23/23	0.021 ¹ (ND-0.032) ²	mg/L	1.3	1.3=AL	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Arsenic	No	7/14/22	2.6	ug/L	N/A	10=MCL	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Sodium	No	7/14/22	7.7 ³	mg/L	N/A	N/A ³	Naturally occurring; Road salt; Water softeners; Animal waste.
Zinc	No	7/14/22	0.011	mg/L	N/A	5=MCL	Naturally occurring; Mining waste.
Sulfate	No	7/14/22	12.0	mg/L	N/A	250=MCL	Naturally occurring
Iron	No	7/14/22	10	ug/L	N/A	300=MCL	Naturally occurring
Nitrate	No	2/3/23	0.14	mg/L	10	10=MCL	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	No	7/14/22	0.001	mg/L	2	2=MCL	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chloride	No	7/14/22	8.7	mg/L	N/A	250=MCL	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination
Lead	No	8/23/23	1.3 ¹ (ND-1.4) ²	ug/L	0	15=AL	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Notes:

1- The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 5 samples tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the values detected at your water system. In this case, 5 samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value for copper was 0.021 mg/L. The 90th percentile value for lead was 1.3 µg/L. The action levels for lead and copper were not exceeded at any of the sites tested.

2- The level presented represents the range of results.

3- Water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.

Definitions:

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

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 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.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): 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 contamination.

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

Non-Detects (ND): Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Milligrams per liter (mg/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million-ppm)

Micrograms per liter (µg/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion-ppb)

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): A measure of the radioactivity in water.

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had no MCL violations in 2023. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants were detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

INFORMATION ON LEAD

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. Della Mobile Estates is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Della Mobile Estates at (203) 348-2200. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

REPORTING ON NON-DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

According to State regulations, the Della Mobile Estates routinely monitors your drinking water for various contaminants. Your water is tested periodically for inorganic contaminants, nitrate, lead and copper, volatile organic contaminants, synthetic organic contaminants.

Additionally, your water is tested for coliform bacteria monthly. The contaminants detected in your drinking water are included in the Table of Detected Contaminants.

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. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During 2023, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

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).

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 firefighting 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:

- * Turn off the tap when brushing teeth.
- * Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drop 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 from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.
- * Use low flow faucets and shower heads
- * 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.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide 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 in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have any questions.