

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2024

Rock Terrace Mobile Home Community

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(Public Water Supply ID# NY3510766)

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, Rock Terrace Mobile Home Community 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, we conducted tests for many contaminants. We detected several of those contaminants, and found 2 of those contaminants (PFOA and PFOS) at levels higher than the State allows. As we told you at that time, our water exceeded a drinking water standard. We are working with the Orange County Health Department to address this issue. Additional information is included below. 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 Glenn Freer of Garden Homes Management Corporation at 518-392-1424. 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 that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's 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 108 park residents through 51 connections (homes). Our water source consists of two groundwater wells located at the north and northwest ends of the park. The water is treated with chlorine for disinfection prior to distribution and service to our customers.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The New York State Department of Health has completed a Source Water Assessment for these sources 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 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.

As mentioned before, our water is derived from two drilled wells. The source water assessment has rated these wells as having a medium-high susceptibility to microbial contamination. This rating is due primarily to the close proximity of the septic systems and the sanitary sewer that are located in the assessment area. In addition, the well draws from fractured bedrock and the overlying soils are not known to provide adequate

protection from potential contamination. While the source water assessment rates our wells as being susceptible to microbial contamination, please note that our water is disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered to your home meets the New York State drinking water standards for microbial contamination. See section "Are there contaminants in our drinking water?" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

County and state health departments will use this information to direct future source water protection activities. These may include water quality monitoring, resource management, plans and educational programs. A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area, is available for review by calling the Orange County Health Department at 845-291-2331.

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, asbestos, nitrate, lead and copper, disinfection byproducts, volatile organic compounds, radiological and synthetic organic compounds (including PFOA/PFOS). 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, might 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 at 800-426-4791 or the Orange County Health Department at 845-291-2331.

Table of Detected Contaminants							
Contaminant	Is System in Violation?	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Average / Maximum) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG / MRDLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, MRDL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants							
Beta particle and photon activity from manmade radionuclides	No	4/23 6/23 8/23	7.08 (well #1) 6.85 (well #3) 4.81 (well #1) 4.75 (well #3)	pCi/l	0	MCL = 50 ⁽¹⁾	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha activity (including radium – 226 but excluding radon and uranium)	No	4/23 6/23 8/23	5.8 (well #1) 4.0 (well #3) 4.24 (well #1) 4.57 (well #3)	pCi/l	0	MCL = 15	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium	No	4/23 6/23 8/23	5.8 (well #1) 4.0 (well #3) 7.08 (well #1) 9.00 (well #3)	ug/l	0	MCL = 30	Decay of natural deposits.
Inorganic Contaminants							
Barium	No	5/24	0.006 (well #1) 0.002 (well #3)	mg/l	2	MCL = 2	Erosion of natural deposits.
Chloride	No	5/24	94 (well #1) 75 (well #3)	mg/l	N/A	MCL = 250	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination.
Copper	No	9/22	0.111 ⁽²⁾ (range = 0.0271 – 0.149)	mg/l	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	No	5/24	0.42 (well #1) 1.56 (well #3)	mg/l	N/A	MCL = 2.2	Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	No	9/22	1.83 ⁽³⁾ (range = ND – 1.90)	ug/l	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, Erosion of natural deposits.
Nickel	No	8/23	2.9 (well #1) 1.2 (well #3)	ug/l	100	MCL = 100	Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate	No	5/24 ---- 8/24	3.36 (well #1) 0.97 (well #3) ---- 3.15 (well #1) 0.88 (well #3)	mg/l	10	MCL = 10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Odor	No	5/24	1 (well #1) 1 (well #3)	Units	N/A	MCL = 3	Organic or inorganic pollutants; Natural sources.
Sodium	No	5/24 ---- 8/24	73.0 (well #1) 24.3 (well #3) ---- 58.4 (well #1) 24.3 (well #3)	mg/l	N/A	See Health Effects ⁽⁴⁾	Naturally occurring; road salt.
Sulfate	No	5/24	23 (well #1) 20 (well #3)	mg/l	N/A	MCL = 250	Naturally occurring.
Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides							
Perfluorooctanic acid (PFOA)	YES	3/24 4/24 9/24 12/24	Well #1 = 11.7 ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁶⁾ (range = 7.20 – 13.7) ---- Well #3 = 4.16 ⁽⁵⁾ (range = 3.07 – 5.22)	ng/l	N/A	MCL = 10	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	YES	3/24 4/24 9/24 12/24	Well #1 = 12.28 ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁷⁾ (range = 6.71 – 16.2) ---- Well #3 = 3.85 ⁽⁵⁾ (range = 3.48 – 4.34)	ng/l	N/A	MCL = 10	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.

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Disinfection Byproducts							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs – chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform)	No	8/20	2.51	ug/l	N/A	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.

Notes:

- 1 - The State considers 50 pCi/l to be the level of concern for beta particles.
- 2 - The levels presented represent the 90th percentile of the five (5) sites 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 copper values detected at your water system. Five (5) samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was the average of the two highest values. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.
- 3 - The levels presented represent the 90th percentile of the five (5) sites tested. The action level for lead was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.
- 4 - SODIUM HEALTH EFFECTS - 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.
- 5 - The levels presented represent the average and range of the levels reported.
- 6 - Samples were collected from Well #1 each calendar quarter and exceeded the MCL of 10 ng/l on 3/11/24 (13.7 ng/l), 4/29/24 (13.4 ng/l) and 9/18/24 (12.6 ng/l).
- 7 - Samples were collected from Well #1 each calendar quarter and exceeded the MCL of 10 ng/l on 3/11/24 (14.1 ng/l), 4/29/24 (16.2 ng/l) and 9/18/24 (12.1 ng/l).

Definitions:

ACTION LEVEL	AL	The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
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.
MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	mg/l	Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).
MICROGRAMS PER LITER	ug/l	Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).
NANOGRAMS PER LITER	ng/l	Corresponds to one part of liquid to one trillion parts of liquid (parts per trillion - ppt).
NON-DETECTED	ND	Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
PICOCURIES PER LITER	pCi/l	A measure of the radioactivity in water.
TREATMENT TECHNIQUE	TT	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking.

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

The table shows that our water system continued to have a problem this year. As we told you at the time, the levels of PFOA (13.7, 13.4, 12.6 ng/l) and PFOS (14.1, 16.2, 12.1 ng/l) in Well #1 during the First, Second, and Third quarters of 2024 were above the MCL of 10 ng/l. We will continue to work with the Orange County Health Department to determine any further sampling requirements or other actions needed. It should be noted that the Fourth Quarter results for both contaminants were below 10 ng/l).

As a result of the elevated levels of PFOA and PFOS, we are required to provide the following information regarding PFOA/PFOS Health Effects:

"PFOA and PFOS caused a range of health effects when studied in animals at high exposure levels. The most consistent findings were effects on the liver and immune system and impaired fetal growth and development. Studies of high-level exposures to PFOA and PFOS in people provide evidence that some of the health effects seen in animals may also occur in humans. The United States Environmental Protection Agency considers PFOA and PFOS as having suggestive evidence for causing cancer based on studies of lifetime exposure to high levels of PFOA and PFOS in animals."

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 2024, we did not monitor or test for Disinfection Byproducts as required, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. We plan to conduct this testing in 2025.

LEAD INFORMATION

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Garden Homes Management Corporation is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your

home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Garden Homes Management Corporation - Glenn Freer at 518-392-1424. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

INFORMATION ON LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

The Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) require every federally defined community and non-transient, non-community water system to develop a service line inventory (also called a lead service line inventory (LSLI)). A Lead Service Line (LSL) is defined as any portion of pipe that is made of lead which connects the water main to the building inlet. A LSL may be owned by the water system, owned by the property owner, or both. The inventory includes both potable and non-potable SLs within a system. In accordance with the federal Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) we want you to know that our distribution system has no lead service lines.

You can see our water system service line information on the NYS website (health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/service_line/NY3510766.htm). Additional information is also available upon request.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

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 at 800-426-4791.

INFORMATION ON PERFLUORO CONTAMINANTS

In 2024, we were required to collect and analyze drinking water samples for the following unregulated contaminants including those detected and listed in the table below. You may obtain the monitoring results by calling Glenn Freer, Garden Homes Management Corporation at 518-392-1424.

Unregulated Perfluoroalkyl Substances					
Contaminant	Is System in Violation?	Date of Sample	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG or Health Advisory Level ⁽¹⁾
Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	No	3/24 4/24 9/24 12/24	Well #1 = 6.03 (range = 1.93 – 15.8) Well #3 = 5.62 (range = ND – 13.5)	ng/l	NA
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	No	3/24 4/24 9/24 12/24	Well #1 = 2.26 (range = ND – 3.21) Well #3 = 1.65 (range = ND – 2.40)	ng/l	2000 ng/l
Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)	No	3/24 4/24 9/24 12/24	Well #1 = 2.69 (range = ND – 4.55) Well #3 = 0.74 (range = ND – 1.97)	ng/l	NA
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	No	3/24 4/24 9/24 12/24	Well #1 = 6.27 (range = 3.26 – 9.16) Well #3 = 2.14 (range = ND – 4.21)	ng/l	NA
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	No	3/24 4/24 9/24 12/24	Well #1 = 0.41 (range = ND – 1.64) Well #3 = All ND	ng/l	NA
Perfluoropentanoic Acid (PFPeA)	No	3/24 4/24 9/24 12/24	Well #1 = 7.47 (range = 3.25 – 12.7) Well #3 = 3.01 (range = ND – 7.36)	ng/l	NA

Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	No	3/24 4/24 9/24 12/24	Well #1 = 1.58 (range = ND – 3.43) Well #3 = All ND	ng/l	NA
Perfluoro(2-ethoxyethane)sulfonic acid (PFEEESA)	No	3/24 4/24 9/24 12/24	Well #1 = All ND Well #3 = 0.29 (range = ND - 1.14)	ng/l	NA

Notes:

1 – USEPA Health Advisory Levels identify the concentration of a contaminant in drinking water at which adverse health effects and/or aesthetic effects are not anticipated to occur over specific exposure durations. Health Advisory Levels are not to be construed as legally enforceable federal standards and are subject to change as new information becomes available.

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.
- Please do not run your water to keep water flowing in the freezing cold weather. Please use heat tape to ensure your water pipes do not freeze. This will reduce water flow into our septic system.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. For questions regarding the content of this report please contact Glenn Freer at 518-392-1424 or the Orange County Health Department at 845-291-2331.