

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

Source Water Information

The Village of Minster receives its drinking water from five bedrock wells tapped into the Taeyes River Valley. The Village of Minster also has an emergency connection with the Village of New Bremen. During 2023 we used zero gallons from this connection over 365 days. On average, this connection is used zero days each year. This report does not contain water quality information received from the Village of New Bremen, but a copy of their consumer confidence report can be obtained by contacting the New Bremen Utility office at (419)629-2827.

Source Water Assessment and its Availability

Ohio EPA recently completed a study of Minster’s source of drinking water to identify potential contaminant sources and provide guidance on protecting the drinking water source. The aquifer that supplies water to the Village of Minster has a low susceptibility to contamination based on the aquifer’s sensitivity to contamination (explained in the following paragraph), the numbers and types of potential contaminant sources within the protection area, and the known ground water quality of the aquifer.

The Village of Minster draws water from a carbonate aquifer with a depth of water greater than 40 feet below the ground surface. A 90 to 100 foot thick confining layer of glacial till is present between the ground surface and the aquifer, offering significant protection from contaminant movement from the ground surface to the aquifer. The Village of Minster’s wells are cased to a depth of more than 90 feet below the land surface.

This susceptibility means that under currently existing conditions, the likelihood of the aquifer becoming contaminated is relatively low. This likelihood can be minimized by implementing appropriate protective measures. More information about the source water assessment or what consumers can do to help protect the aquifer is available by calling (419)628-2850, or email tfishbaugh@minsteroh.com.

The Village of Minster's water quality record is currently available in Ohio EPA's drinking water compliance database. Please note that this water quality evaluation has some limitations:

- 1. The data evaluated is for treated water samples only, as Ohio EPA's quality requirements are for the water being provided to the public, not the water before treatment.
- 2. Sampling results for coliform bacteria and naturally-occurring inorganics (other than arsenic) were not evaluated for this assessment, because they are not a reliable indicator of aquifer contamination. Positive coliform samples are also associated with operation and maintenance problems in the water system's distribution network and may not indicate aquifer contamination.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not neces-

sarily 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 (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and residential uses; 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 stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and 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 that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Additional Information for Lead

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. Village of Minster 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 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Do I need 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/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

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Quality Drinking Water—Our #1 Priority

The Village of Minster is pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.



Members of your Village Council and staff of the Water Treatment Plant have been very active in maintaining this high quality and safe drinking water, as well as planning for future growth and demands on the current system. As we move toward realizing the changes necessary to meet these needs, be assured that highest quality standards will be maintained in providing you with water. Keep in mind our number one priority is quality drinking water that meets or exceeds federal and state standards.

Rest assured, last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Ohio EPA drinking water health standards. In 2023 Minster had an unconditional license to operate its water system. In addition, Minster vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard.

Public participation and comments are encouraged at regular meetings of the Minster Village Council which meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5 W. Fourth Street.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Water Treatment Plant for more information or to discuss this report at (419)628-2850, or email tfishbaugh@minsteroh.com.

Water Quality Data

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water

contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminants
Inorganic Contaminants							
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.207	0.207	No	2021	The carbonate formations in the western half of Ohio contain more fluoride-bearing minerals than the sandstones of eastern Ohio .
Disinfection Byproducts							
TTHM (ppb)	NA	80	13.9	13.8-13.9	No	2023	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Contaminants	MCLG	MRDL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminants
Residual Disinfectants							
Total chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG=4	4	1.03	0.86-1.24	No	2023	Water additive used to control microbes
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 of Contaminants
Lead (ppb)	15 ppb		0	<2.0	No	2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
	0 out of 10 samples were found to have lead levels in excess of the lead action level of 15 ppb.						
Copper (ppm)	1.3 ppm		NA	0.0800	No	2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
	0 out of 10 samples were found to have copper levels in excess of the copper action level of 1.3 ppm.						

Unregulated Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminants
Nickel (ppb)**	NA	NA	35.48	35.48	No	2017	Erosion of natural deposits and plumbing

** Nickel has a lifetime health advisory level of 100 ppb

Unit Descriptions

Term	Definition
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions

Term	Definition
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.
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the in drinking water.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfection 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.
MNR	Monitored Not Regulated
Variances & Exemptions	State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Term	Definition
NA	Not applicable
ND	Not detected

Term	Definition
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.
Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant which, if level of a contaminant exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MPL	State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level
Lifetime Health Advisory Level:	The concentration of a chemical in drinking water that is not expected to cause any adverse non carcinogenic for a lifetime of exposure.