

# **Village of Leipsic Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report For 2025**

## **Introduction**

The Village of Leipsic 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 decision concerning your drinking water and water system contacts.

## **Source Water Information**

The Village of Leipsic receives its drinking water from seven (7) deep wells ranging in depth from 510 feet to 595 feet. These wells have a safe daily production capacity of over 1.3 million gallons of water per day. They are operated on an alternating basis supplying water directly to the water treatment plant.

Ohio EPA recently completed a study of the Village of Leipsic's source of drinking water, to identify potential contaminant sources and provide guidance on protecting the drinking water source. According to this study, the aquifer (water-rich zone) that supplies water to the Village of Leipsic has a moderate susceptibility to contamination. This determination is based on the following:

- Presence of a thick protective layer of clay overlying the aquifer,
- Significant depth (over 80 feet below ground surface) of the aquifer,
- No evidence to suggest that ground water has been impacted by any significant levels of chemical contaminants from human activities, and
- Presence of a large number of potential contaminant sources in the protection area.

This susceptibility means that under currently existing conditions, the likelihood of the aquifer becoming contaminated is moderate. 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 Evan Ellerbrock at 419-943-2009.

## **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 contaminants, 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 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 (1-800-426-4791).

## 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 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/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 (1-800-426-4791).

## About Your Drinking Water

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The Village of Leipsic conducted samples for bacteria, inorganic contaminants, disinfection byproducts; chlorine, lead and copper, and Volatile Organic Contaminants during 2025. Samples were collected for a total of 48 different contaminants most of which were not detected in the Village of Leipsic water supply. The Ohio EPA requires us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, is more than one year old.

Listed below is information on those contaminants that were found in the Village of Leipsic drinking water.

Contaminants (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminants
<b>Disinfectant and Disinfectant By-Products</b>							
Total Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	.57	.3 - 1.3	No	2025	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	6.9	<6.0 -10.3 ppb	No	2025	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	N/A	80	30.0	17.1-54.9	No	2025	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>							
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	15	15	3.72	NA	No	2025	naturally occurring, primarily enter water sources through the erosion and natural chemical weathering of rocks, bedrocks, and mineral deposits in underground aquifers.
Radium-228 (pCi/L)	5	5	1.36	NA	No	2025	natural erosion of geological deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	2.69	NA	No	2025	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.04 ppm	0.04 ppm	No	2025	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Lead and Copper</b>							
Contaminants (units)	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	Individual Results over the AL	90% of test levels were less than	Violation	Year Sampled	Typical source of Contaminants
Lead (ppb)	15 ppb	0 ppb	0		No	2025	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	1.3 ppm	0		No	2025	Erosions of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosions of household plumbing systems
	0 out of 10 samples were found to have copper levels in excess of the copper action level of 1.3 ppm.						

## **Lead Educational Information**

“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. Leipsic Water Department 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>.”

## **Required Lead Service Line Inventory statement**

“Our distribution system has no lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or lead status unknown service lines. To determine this, we used the following sources: historic records, visual inspections or other documentations that indicate the service line materials

## **License to Operate (LOT) Status Information**

In 2025 we have a current, unconditional license to operate our water system.

## **SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY**

*“We were informed by the Ohio EPA that a significant deficiency OAC Rule 3745- 83-01(H) The current water treatment plant is beyond its useful life. This significant deficiency was originally cited as a violation in the May 5, 2022, Notice of Violation (NOV) letter regarding the sanitary survey conducted on April 5, 2022. It was cited again as a violation in the May 23, 2024, NOV letter regarding the limited scope site visit (LSSV) conducted on May 13, 2024. This violation is hereby raised to a significant deficiency as of May 27, 2025 as it has been cited at multiple sanitary surveys and LSSVs. Going forward, this significant deficiency will be tracked through the 2025 survey letter and related correspondence. An updated schedule for completing the new surface water membrane treatment plant was submitted to Ohio EPA on Jan. 6, 2025. The anticipated final completion date for the new water treatment plant is June 29, 2029. Until the new water treatment plant is operational, Leipsic Village is required to submit a progress update to Ohio EPA at least every six months.*

## **Fluoride Public Notice**

This is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age. At low levels, fluoride can help prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis). The drinking water provided by the LEIPSIC VILLAGE PWS has a fluoride concentration of 2.69 mg/L as measured on May 14, 2026. Dental fluorosis in its moderate or severe forms, may result in a brown staining and or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should be provided with alternative sources of drinking water or water that has been treated to remove the fluoride to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You also may want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products. Older children and adults may safely drink the water. Drinking water containing more than 4 mg/L of fluoride (the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s drinking water standard) can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Your drinking water does not contain more than 4 mg/L of fluoride, but we’re required to notify you when we discover that the fluoride levels in your drinking water exceed 2 mg/L because of this cosmetic dental problem. . For more information, please call Evan

Ellerbrock at Village of Leipsic 142 East Main ST Leipsic OH or at 419-943-2009. Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. To learn more about available home water treatment units, you may call NSF International at 1-877-8-NSF-HELP.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

## **BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Backflow can be described as “a reversal of the normal direction of flow within a piping system” or as “the flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into the distribution pipes of a potable water supply from any other source other than the intended source of the potable water supply.” If any concerns of backflow prevention, please contact Sam Schroeder or Evan Ellerbrock at 419-943-2009.

Information for Backflow Prevention provided on the homepage of [www.villageofleipsic.com](http://www.villageofleipsic.com)  
Click on Backflow Prevention

### **How do I participate in decisions concerning my drinking water?**

Public participation and comment are encouraged at regular meetings of the Village of Leipsic Council which meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm.

For more information on your drinking water contact Evan Ellerbrock at 419-943-2009.

### **Definitions of some terms contained within this report**

**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 Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Parts per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)** are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days.

**Parts per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)** are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in 31.7 year.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of 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.

**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.

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

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