



## **VILLAGE OF EDGERTON**

### **Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report for 2020**

#### **What's the source of your drinking water?**

The Village of Edgerton has received a designation of "ground water" from the EPA, which means that your water comes from three-village wells approximately 100 ft. deep. These wells are located on the Northeast side of the Village. The Village owns the land around these wells and restricts any activity that could contaminate them. After the water comes out of the wells, we treat it to remove several contaminants and we also add chlorine to protect you against microbial contaminants. The Edgerton Water Treatment Plant is an iron removal and ion exchange softening treatment plant, with an average pumpage of 159,243 gallons a day.

#### **How susceptible is your drinking water?**

The Ohio EPA recently completed a study of The Village of Edgerton'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 Edgerton has a low susceptibility to contamination. This is determination is based on the following:

- Presence of a thick protective layer of clay overlaying the aquifer
- Significant depth (68 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
- No apparent significant potential contaminant sources in the protection area

This susceptibility means that under currently existing conditions, the likelihood of the aquifer becoming contaminated is low. Implementing appropriate protective measures can minimize this likelihood. More information about source water assessment or what consumers can do to help protect the aquifer is available by calling the water department at 419-298-8025.

#### **What are sources of contamination to drinking water?**

The sources of drinking water both tap water and bottled water, includes 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 operation, 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. Immune-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 for 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 insure drinking water safety. The Village of Edgerton Water Department conducted

sampling for bacteria, disinfection by-products, nitrates, nitrites and volatile organic contaminants during 2020. Samples were collected and tested for a total of 14 different contaminants, most which were not detected in the Village water supply. Listed in this report is information on those contaminants that were found in the village's drinking water.

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. The Village of Edgerton 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 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**License to Operate Status Information**

The Village of Edgerton has a current and unconditioned license to operate our public water system from the Ohio EPA.

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

Public participation and comments are encouraged at the regular meetings of the Village council on the first and third Mondays of each month.

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Report. Protecting our drinking water source from contamination is the responsibility of all residents. Please dispose of hazardous chemicals in the proper manner and report polluters to the appropriate authorities. Only by working together can we insure an adequate safe supply of water for the future generations.

For more information on your drinking water, contact the water department at 419-298-8025 or 419-298-2912.

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

Ion Exchange: A chemical process in which ions from two different molecules are exchanged to soften water.

MCLG: (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

MCL: (Maximum Contaminant Level) the highest level of a 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.

MRDLG: (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal) the level of residual disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

Ppm: (parts per million) Units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in approximately 11.5 days.

Ppb: (parts per billion) Units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in approximately 31.7 years.

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

MRDL: The highest residual disinfection level allowed.

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.

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	1.054	0.7-1.3	No	2020	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	13.9	12.7-13.9	No	2020	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	N/A	80	37	33.8-37.0	No	2020	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.19	N/A	No	2020	Run off from fertilizer use, Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Lead and Copper</b>							
Contaminants (units)	Action Level (AL)	Individual Results over the AL	90% of test levels were less	Violation	Year Sampled	Typical source of Contaminants	
Copper (ppm)	1.3 ppm	N/A	0.186	No	2019	Erosions of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosions of household plumbing systems	
_0_ samples were found to have copper levels in excess of the copper action level of 1.3 ppm.							