



# 2017 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

<http://milwaukee.gov/WaterConsumerConfidenceReport>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) require drinking water utilities including the Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) to provide an annual Consumer Confidence Report to inform you of the source and quality of your drinking water, compliance and detected contaminants, and results from treating and monitoring water from January 1 through December 31, 2017.

### **Important Information**

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Translate it, or speak with someone who understands it.

### **Información importante para nuestros clientes que hablan español.**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua de beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### **Важная информация**

В данном отчете приведена важная информация о питьевой воде в Shorewood. Если вы не можете прочитать этот отчет, попросите кого-нибудь перевести его для вас.

## **The Village of Shorewood purchases its treated drinking water from Milwaukee Water Works, recognized as a national leader in providing safe, high-quality drinking water.**

Milwaukee water complies with all state and federal drinking water standards. The Milwaukee Water Works is known for its extensive water quality monitoring program that reaches beyond basic requirements. The program includes organisms and contaminants, or substances that are not yet regulated but considered of emerging concern and/or are under study for possible effects on public health.

### **Item 1:**

#### **Water System Information**

If you have questions about this report, please contact the Shorewood Director of Public Works/Shorewood Utilities at (414) 847-2650.

#### **Participate in decisions that affect drinking water quality**

Attend meetings of the Village of Shorewood Board of Trustees, which regularly meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Shorewood Village Hall, 3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211.

### **Item 2:**

#### **Source of Water**

The Village of Shorewood purchases its drinking water from Milwaukee Water Works. Milwaukee's water source is surface water from Lake Michigan.

### Item 3: Definitions

<	"less than" or not detected
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement that a water system must follow. Action Levels are reported at the 90th percentile for homes at greatest risk.
Haloacetic Acids	HAA5: Monochloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid, dibromoacetic acid, tribromoacetic acid, bromochloroacetic acid, dibromochloroacetic acid, and bromodichloroacetic acid.
HA	Health Advisory: An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information; a Health Advisory is not a legally enforceable federal standard, but serves as technical guidance to assist federal, state and local officials.
Median	The middle value of the entire data set for the parameter (range from high to low)
µg/L	Microgram per liter or parts per billion
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
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.
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: 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.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant 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.
mg/L	Milligram per liter or parts per million
NA	Not Applicable
ng/L	Nanogram per liter
NR	Not Regulated
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit: A unit to measure turbidity.
pCi/L	Picocuries per Liter: A measure of radioactivity. A picocurie is 10-12 curies.
RAA	Running Annual Average: The average of four quarterly samples collected in one 12-month period.
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water
Trihalomethanes	TTHMs: Chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform
Turbidity	Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. For 2017, the highest combined filter effluent value detected or Maximum Value was 0.24 NTU and < 0.3 NTU 100% of the time.

### Item 4:

**Detected Contaminants** – The tables on the following pages show the regulated contaminants, or substances, detected in Milwaukee and Shorewood’s drinking water during 2017. It also includes all contaminants tested for in the most recent (2013) Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule – Phase 3 (UCMR-3) mandatory monitoring program. **All contaminant levels are within applicable state and federal laws.** The tables contain the name of each contaminant, the highest level regulated (Maximum Contaminant Level, or MCL), the ideal goals for public health (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or MCLG), the median value detected, the usual sources of such contamination, possible health effects, and footnotes explaining the findings and units of measurement. The presence of a substance in drinking water does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Certain quantities of some substances are essential to good health, but excessive quantities can be hazardous.

## Primary Contaminants

Substance	Ideal Goals {MCLG}	Highest Level Allowed {MCL}	Median Value	Highest Level Detected	Source(s) of Contaminant	Health Effects
Alicarb Sulfoxide (µg/L)		4	0.3	0.3		
Arsenic (µg/L)	0	10	0.4	0.5	Erosion of natural deposits; orchard runoff; glass and electronics production waste runoff	Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of cancer
Atrazine (µg/L)	3	3	0.03	0.03	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops	Some people who drink water containing atrazine well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their cardiovascular system or reproductive difficulties
Barium (mg/L)	2	2	0.019	0.019	Drilling waste discharge; metal refineries discharge; erosion of natural deposits	Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure
Bromate (µg/L)	0	10	3	9	By-product of drinking water disinfection	Some people who drink water containing bromate in excess of the MCL over many years have an increased risk of cancer
Chlorate (µg/L)	NA	NR	117	205	By-product of drinking water disinfection	Affects red blood cells oxygen carrying capacity, affects thyroid function
Chlorine, Total (mg/L)* (Chloramines)	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	1.00	1.20	Water additive used to control microbes	Some people who use water containing chloramines well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chloramines in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort or anemia
Chlorite (mg/L)	0.8	1	0.003	0.007	By-product of drinking water disinfection	Some infants and young children who drink water containing chlorite in excess of the MCL could experience nervous system effects. Similar effects may occur in fetuses of pregnant women who drink water containing chlorite in excess of the MCL. Some people may experience anemia.
Chromium, Hexavalent (µg/L)	NA	NR	0.19	0.2	Natural deposits and manufacturing	Effects on the liver, kidney, gastrointestinal, and immune systems
Chromium, Total (µg/L)	100	100	0.6	0.6	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits	Some people who drink water containing chromium well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience allergic dermatitis
Copper (mg/L)	AL = 1.3	AL = 1.3	0.004	0.006	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits	Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal physician.
Fluoride (mg/L)	4.0	4.0	0.58	0.73	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half of the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than 9 years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt the gums
Haloacetic Acids (9), Total (µg/L)*	NA	60	3.5	5.2	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of cancer
Individual Haloacetic Acids						
Bromochloroacetic Acid			0.9	1.2		
Bromodichloroacetic Acid			1	2.1		
Chlorodibromoacetic Acid			<0.9	1.2		
Dibromoacetic Acid*			0.555	0.68		
Dichloroacetic Acid*			1.95	3.10		
Monobromoacetic Acid*			N/A	0.49		
Trichloroacetic Acid*			0.975	1.30		
Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC)	NA	TT	Met requirement	Met requirement	Naturally present in the environment; runoff from fertilizer use; leeching from septic tanks sewage; erosion of natural deposits	HPC has no health effects; it is an analytic method used to measure the variety of bacteria that are common in water.

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## Primary Contaminants *continued*

Substance	Ideal Goals {MCLG}	Highest Level Allowed {MCL}	Median Value	Highest Level Detected	Source(s) of Contaminant	Health Effects
Nitrate, as Nitrogen (mg/L)	10	10	0.33	0.44	Runoff from fertilizer use; leeching from septic tanks sewage; erosion of natural deposits	Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome. Females who are or may become pregnant should not consume water with nitrate concentrations that exceed the MCL. There is some evidence of an association between exposure to high nitrate levels in drinking water during the first weeks of pregnancy and certain birth defects
Nitrate and Nitrite, Total, as Nitrogen (mg/L)		10	0.330	0.442	Runoff from fertilizer use; leeching from septic tanks sewage; erosion of natural deposits	Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome. Females who are or may become pregnant should not consume water with nitrate concentrations that exceed the MCL. There is some evidence of an association between exposure to high nitrate levels in drinking water during the first weeks of pregnancy and certain birth defects
Nitrite, as Nitrogen (mg/L)		1	0.002	0.013	Runoff from fertilizer use; leeching from septic tanks sewage; erosion of natural deposits	Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrite in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome
Perchlorate (µg/L)	NA	Regulation pending	0.12	0.12	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	Inhibits the absorption of iodine by the thyroid glands, leading to developmental and learning disabilities in children
Selenium (µg/L)	50	50	0.5	0.5	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines	Selenium is an essential nutrient. However, some people who drink water containing selenium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair or fingernail loss, numbness in fingers or toes, or problems with their circulation
Strontium (µg/L)		NR	110	110	Natural deposits	Effects on bone growth in children
Radionuclides (pCi/L) (2015)					Erosion of natural deposits	Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of cancer
Individual Radionuclides						
Alpha emitters (Gross Alpha Particles, excluding Ra + U)		15	1.86 ± 2.00	3.42 ± 1.99	Erosion of natural deposits	Increased risk of cancer
Gross Alpha Particles	NR		2.03 ± 2.0	3.6 ± 2.0	Erosion of natural deposits	Increased risk of cancer
Beta/ photon emitters (Gross Beta Particles)		50	3.9 ± 1.9	4.0 ± 1.9	Decay of natural and manmade deposits	Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. Some people who drink water containing beta and photon emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of cancer
Radium 226		5	0.16 ± 0.16	0.20 ± 0.18		Increased risk of cancer
Radium 228		5	1.05 ± 0.58	1.4 ± 0.7		Increased risk of cancer
Radium, combined (226 + 228)		5	1.20 ± 0.60	1.51 ± 0.71	Erosion of natural deposits	Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of cancer
Uranium (µg/L)	0	30	<0.0010	<0.0010	Erosion of natural deposits	Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increase risk of cancer or kidney toxicity
Trihalomethanes, Total (µg/L)*	NA	80	8.8	15	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of cancer
Individual Trihalomethanes						
Bromodichloromethane*			3.35	5.50		
Bromoform*			0.36	0.43		
Chloroform*			3.20	6.20		
Dibromochloromethane*			2.15	2.90		
Turbidity (NTU)	NA	<0.3 (95% of the time)	0.02	0.24 (1- day maximum)	Soil runoff	Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches

## Secondary Contaminants

Substance	Ideal Goals (MCLG)	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	Median Value	Highest Level Detected	Source(s) of Contaminant	Health Effects
Aluminum (mg/L)	0.2	0.05-0.20	0.042	0.045	Water treatment additive, natural deposits	None in drinking water, aesthetic quality of water.
Chloride (mg/L)	250	250	14.7	21.5	Natural deposits and road salts	None in drinking water, aesthetic quality of water.
Copper (mg/L)	AL = 1.3	AL = 1.3	0.004	0.006		See Primary Drinking Water Standards
Fluoride (mg/L)	4.0	4.0	0.58	0.73		See Primary Drinking Water Standards
Iron (µg/L)	300	300	123	126	Natural deposits	None in drinking water, aesthetic quality of water.
Manganese (µg/L)		50	0.3	0.3	Natural deposits	None in drinking water, aesthetic quality of water.
Odor (threshold odor number)		3	1	1	Naturally present in the environment	None in drinking water, aesthetic quality of water.
pH (-log[H+])	NA	6.5 - 8.5	7.64	7.79	Naturally present in the environment	NA
Silver (µg/L)		50	0.3	0.3	Naturally present in the environment	Skin discoloration; graying of the white part of the eyes
Sulfate (mg/L)		500	26.5	27	Natural deposits	None in drinking water, aesthetic quality of water.
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	500	500	179	204	Aggregate of dissolved minerals	None in drinking water, aesthetic quality of water.

## Lead and Copper Compliance Monitoring Results 2017

Lead and Copper	Action level	90th Percentile	Number of results above action level
Copper (2017)*	1300 µg/L	98 µg/L	0 of 30
Lead (2017)*	15 µg/L	3.09 µg/L	0 of 30

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. Shorewood Waterworks 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 or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

## UCMR-3 Assessment Monitoring (2013)

UCMR-3 Assessment Monitoring (2013)	Median Value	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contaminants	Health Effects
Chromium (µg/L)*	0.24	0.23	Natural deposits, manufacturing	"Chromium (III) is an essential element in humans, with a daily intake of 50 to 200 µg/d recommended for adults."
Cobalt (µg/L)	<1.0	<1.0	Natural deposits.	Possible fetal development, possible human carcinogen
Molybdenum (µg/L)*	1.0	1.0	Natural deposits.	Toxic to animals at very high concentrations.
Strontium (mg/L)*	0.12	0.12	Natural deposits.	Effects on bone growth in children
Vanadium (µg/L)*	0.26	0.22	Natural deposits, manufacturing	Gastrointestinal symptoms
Chromium, Hexavalent (µg/L)*	0.16	0.22	Natural deposits, manufacturing	Effects on the liver, kidney, gastrointestinal and immune systems.
Chlorate (µg/L)*	0.06	0.10	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	Affects red blood cells oxygen carrying capacity, affects on thyroid function.
1,4-Dioxane (µg/L)	<0.07	<0.07	Manufacturing of paints and solvents	Likely to be carcinogenic
Bromochloromethane (µg/L)	<0.06	<0.06	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection, Fire extinguishing agent	Maybe toxic to kidneys, lungs, liver, respiratory tract, skin, eyes and central nervous system.
Bromomethane (µg/L)	<0.2	<0.2	Fumigant	Increased cancer risk
1,3-Butadiene (µg/L)	<0.1	<0.1	Plastic manufacturing	Increased cancer risk
Chlorodifluoromethane (µg/L)	<0.08	<0.08	Refrigerant	Cardiac effects
Chloromethane (µg/L)	<0.2	<0.2	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection, manufacturing	Central nervous system effects
1,1-Dichloroethane (µg/L)	<0.03	<0.03	Plastic manufacturing	Increased cancer risk
1,2,3-Trichloropropane (µg/L)	<0.03	<0.03	Solvents, pesticide manufacturing	Increased cancer risk
Perfluorobutanesulfone acid (PFBS) (µg/L)	<0.09	<0.09	Waterproofing, textile manufacturing	Effects on blood, liver and kidneys
Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) (µg/L)	<0.01	<0.01	Waterproofing, textile manufacturing	Effects on blood, liver and kidneys
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) (µg/L)	<0.03	<0.03	Waterproofing, textile manufacturing	Effects on blood, liver and kidneys
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (µg/L)	<0.02	<0.02	Waterproofing, textile manufacturing	Effects on blood, liver and kidneys
Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) (µg/L)	<0.04	<0.04	Waterproofing, textile manufacturing	Effects on blood, liver and kidneys
Perfluorocanoic acid (PFOA) (µg/L)	<0.02	<0.02	Waterproofing, textile manufacturing	Effects on blood, liver and kidneys
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene*, **		0.17 µg/L	Component of Gasoline	Effects on nervous system

\* Sampling data specific to Shorewood

## Item 5:

### Information on monitoring for *Cryptosporidium*, Radon, and Other Contaminants (if detected)

*Cryptosporidium* was not detected in any of 24 source water samples during 2017. There were no detections of *Cryptosporidium* in the finished water in 2017.

The table below shows the unregulated substances detected in Milwaukee and Shorewood's drinking water during 2017. Any known possible health effects for these substances are listed in the table. A complete list of over 500 substances tested for can be found at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/WaterWorks/files/UndetectedChemicalContaminants-TreatedWater.pdf>

Substance	Range of values detected	Source of Contaminant	Health Effects
Acesulfame-K (µg/L)	0.04 - 0.05	Artificial sweetener	None proposed for human
Ammonia, as N (mg/L)	0.12 - 0.36	Disinfection with chloramines; wastes; fertilizers and natural processes	None proposed for human but toxic for aquatic life
Boron (µg/L)	22 - 23	Naturally occurring; borax mining and refining; boric acid manufacturing	Stomach, liver, kidney or central nervous system problems
Bromide (µg/L)	14 - 49	Naturally occurring	None from drinking water
Bromochloroacetonitrile (µg/L)	0.9 - 1.3	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	Increased risk of cancer
Calcium (mg/L)	34	Naturally occurring	None from drinking water
Chloropicrin (ng/L)	0.3 - 0.9	Fungicide, herbicide, insecticide and nematocide	Eye/nose irritation; stomach discomfort
Cotinine (ng/L)	1	Metabolic byproduct of tobacco smoking	None from drinking water
Deethylatrazine (µg/L)	0.01 - 0.02	Herbicide	None from drinking water
Dibromoacetonitrile (µg/L)	0.3 - 1.7	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	Eye/nose irritation
Dichloroacetonitrile (µg/L)	0.3 - 0.9	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	Increased risk of cancer
Lithium (µg/L)	2.1	Naturally occurring	Affects thyroid function
Magnesium (mg/L)	12	Naturally occurring	None from drinking water
Molybdenum (µg/L)	0.9 - 1.0	Natural deposits.	Toxic to animals at very high concentrations.
Nickel (µg/L)	0.4 - 0.5	Naturally occurring	None from drinking water
Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) (ng/L)	<2.0 - 2.0	Waterproofing, textile manufacturing	Effects on blood, liver and kidneys
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ng/L)	<2.0 - 2.1	Waterproofing, textile manufacturing	Effects on blood, liver and kidneys
o-Phosphate as PO <sub>4</sub> (mg/L)	0.11 - 2.52	Byproduct of drinking water treatment	None from drinking water
Phosphorus as P (mg/L)	0.61 - 0.65	Naturally occurring	None from drinking water
Potassium (mg/L)	1.4 - 1.4	Naturally occurring	None from drinking water
Rubidium (µg/L)	1.1	Naturally occurring	None from drinking water
Silica (mg/L)	2.0 - 2.1	Naturally occurring	None from drinking water
Sodium (mg/L)	9.3 - 9.6	Natural deposits and road salt	None from drinking water
Sucralose (ng/L)	<25 - 46	Artificial sweetener	None from drinking water
Titanium (µg/L)	0.6 - 0.7	Natural deposits	None from drinking water
Total Organic Carbon (mg/L)	1.36 - 1.96	Naturally present in the environment	Total organic carbon has no health effects. However, total organic carbon provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts. Their byproducts include trihalo-methanes and haloacetic acids. Drinking water containing these by-products in excess of the MCL may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increased risk in cancer
Trichloroacetonitrile (µg/L)	0.2 - 0.5	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	Increased risk of cancer
1,1,1-Trichloropropanone (µg/L)	0.2 - 1.2	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	Increased risk of cancer
Tris(chloropropyl) phosphate (µg/L)	0.01	Flame retardant	Possible carcinogen, reproductive effects
Uranium (µg/L)	0.3	Natural deposits	Increased risk of cancer, kidney toxicity
Vanadium (µg/L)	<0.3 - 0.3	Natural deposits, manufacturing	Gastrointestinal symptoms

<sup>1</sup>Ammonia has a lifetime HA of 30 mg/L, <sup>2</sup>Boron has a lifetime HA of 6 mg/L, <sup>3</sup>Isophorone has a lifetime HA of 100 µg/L

## Item 6: Variances and Exemptions (not applicable)

## Item 7: Required Educational Information

As water flows through rivers and lakes and over land surfaces, naturally occurring substances may be dissolved in the water that reaches Lake Michigan. These substances are referred to as contaminants. Surface water sources may be highly susceptible to contaminants. Surface water is also affected by animal and human activities. Visit [www.city.milwaukee.gov/water/WaterQuality](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/water/WaterQuality) to read the DNR Source Water Assessment for Milwaukee water. Contaminants that may be present in source water include microbial contaminants such as viruses, protozoa and bacteria; inorganic contaminants such as salts and metals, pesticides and herbicides, organic chemical contaminants, and radioactive contaminants.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. 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 the 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, (800) 426-4791. The table of detected contaminants is on pages 3-4 of this report.

### Health Precautions

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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 about drinking tap 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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791, and the CDC at [cdc.gov/parasites/crypto](http://cdc.gov/parasites/crypto).

### Cryptosporidium

*Cryptosporidium* is a microscopic protozoan that when ingested, can result in diarrhea, fever, and other gastrointestinal symptoms. Since 1993, Milwaukee Water Works has tested source and treated water for *Cryptosporidium*. The organism is found in many surface water sources (lakes, rivers, streams) and comes from human and animal wastes in the watershed. The risk of *Cryptosporidium* from drinking water provided by Milwaukee Water Works has been reduced to extremely low levels by an effective treatment combination including ozone disinfection, coagulation, sedimentation, biologically active filtration, and chloramine disinfection.

The Milwaukee Water Works provides a brochure based on EPA and CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium*. Obtain a copy from our Customer Service Center, (414) 286-2830, or at [milwaukee.gov/water](http://milwaukee.gov/water), click on Water Quality at the top, and scroll down to Resources, choose "Information for Persons with weakened immune systems."

### Lead and Copper

When lead is found in drinking water it is usually because lead can dissolve from lead service lines and plumbing fixtures, especially when water sits unused for several hours. To prevent lead from dissolving into the water, MWW adds phosphate that forms a protective coating inside pipes. This corrosion control has been provided since 1996 to meet EPA

standards. The most common source of lead is from paint in older homes built before 1978. Lead can cause health problems if it enters your body. Children under the age of six, and women who may become pregnant, are pregnant, or are breastfeeding are at special risk. Find more information at [Milwaukee.gov/lead](http://Milwaukee.gov/lead) and [LeadSafeMke.com](http://LeadSafeMke.com)

### Notice to Parents of Infants Six Months of Age or Younger

According to the CDC, the proper amount of fluoride from infancy and at all ages throughout life helps prevent and control tooth decay (cavities). Therefore, the Milwaukee Water Works, following public health recommendations, maintains a level of fluoride in our drinking water that is both safe and effective.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a child's life, followed by continued breastfeeding as complementary foods are introduced, for optimal short and long-term health advantages. Go to <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/129/3/e827> for more information.

As of August 31, 2012, Milwaukee water is fluoridated at a level not to exceed 0.7 mg/L. According to the CDC, for infants up to six months of age, if tap water is fluoridated or has substantial natural fluoride (0.7 mg/L or higher) and is being used to dilute infant formula, a parent may consider using a low-fluoride alternative water source. Bottled water known to be low in fluoride is labeled as purified, deionized, demineralized, distilled, or prepared by reverse osmosis. Ready-to-feed (no-mix) infant formula typically has little fluoride and may be preferable at least some of the time. If breastfeeding is not possible, parents should consult a pediatrician about an appropriate infant formula option. Parents should be aware that there may be an increased chance of mild dental fluorosis if the child is exclusively consuming infant formula reconstituted with fluoridated water. Dental fluorosis is a term that covers a range of visible changes to the enamel surface of the tooth. Go to [http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/safety/infant\\_formula.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/safety/infant_formula.htm) for more information on dental fluorosis and the use of fluoridated drinking water in infant formula.



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOURCE AND QUALITY OF YOUR DRINKING WATER

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