

CRIDERSVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM
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DRINKING WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT
FOR 2011

The Cridersville Municipal Water System 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.

What if I have questions about my water?

The Village Council meets the second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall at 110 West Main Street. The public is encouraged to attend. You may also call John McDonald, Village Administrator at 419-645-5001.

Where does my water come from?

Cridersville "raw" water is drawn from four (4) wells located in Tower Park at the south end of Water Street. This water is considered groundwater. Wells #1 and #2 are located inside the Water Treatment building. Well #3 is located about 50 feet east and well #4 is located about 125 feet southwest of the Water Treatment building.

Cridersville owns the land around the wells and restricts activities around the well field, to prevent contamination of the wells. Ohio EPA recently completed a study of the village'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 has a low susceptibility to contamination. This determination is based on the following:

- Presence of a thick protective layer of clay overlying the aquifer,
- Significant depth (over 50 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
- 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 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 419-645-5001.

The "raw" water from the wells is pumped into the water treatment plant where we use multiple treatment process, including aeration, chlorination, and pressurized multimedia iron filters before the water enters the distribution system and your tap. We have a current, unconditioned license to operate our water system.

Why must you treat my 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 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 at 1-800-426-4791.

What contaminants might be in water?

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agriculture livestock operations and wildlife.
- 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;
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and septic systems;
- Organic Chemical contaminants including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems;
- Radioactive contaminants which can be naturally-occurring or be the results of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- 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. Cridersville water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking, 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 800-426-4791 or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

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 at 1-800-426-4791.

About your drinking water

The source of drinking water, both tap 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 animal or human activity.

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.

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The Cridersville Municipal Water System conducted samples for contaminants including bacteria, inorganic and organic contaminants during 2011. 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 contaminants that were detected in the Cridersville Municipal Water System's drinking water.

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*	2011	12.1	12.1 - 12.1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHm)*	2011	23.6	23.6 - 23.6	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Total Chlorine	2011	0.8	0.7 - 0.8	MRDLG = 4 MRDL = 4	MCL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2011	0.028	0.028 - 0.0309	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2011	1.42	1.42 - 1.42	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories.
Lead and Copper	Collection Date	90th Percentile	# of Samples Over AL	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination

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Copper	2011	0.2	0	1.3	1.3	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2011	3.7	0	0	15	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

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 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 (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

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 more than 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 1 second in 31.7 yrs.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): 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: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

EP001: The first point water from the treatment plant enters the distribution system.

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Water Conservation and Pollution Prevention tips

Water conservation measures not only save the supply of our water source, but can also cut the cost of water treatment. They can cut the energy costs at the treatment facility associated with pumping, and also chemical costs for processing of the water. There are a number of measures you as the water consumer can do to conserve on water usage.

Conservation measures you can use inside you home include:

1. Fixing leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, ect.
2. Installation of water-saving devices in faucets, toilets and appliances. Low flow fixtures are now the only kind produced since 1994. Simply replacing old fixtures with new will reduce water consumption by nearly one-half.
3. Wash only full loads of laundry
4. Don't use the toilet for trash or garbage disposal.
5. Take shorter showers. Do not let the water run while shaving, washing, brushing, teeth, or cleaning fruits and vegetables.
6. Soak dishes before washing. Run the dishwasher only when full.

You can conserve outdoors as well:

1. Water the lawn and garden as little as possible. If you must water, do so in the early morning or evening.
2. Use mulch around plants and shrubs or choose plants that don't need much water.
3. Repair leaks in faucets and hoses. Use water-saving nozzles.
4. Use water from a bucket to wash your car and save the hose for rinsing.
5. Sweep clipping and leaves from walks and driveways rather than using the hose.

Remember to dispose of hazardous waste properly

All of the storm water catch basins and drains in the village eventually flow to a stream or pond. No storm drains flow to a treatment plant to be processed.

Hazardous household wastes such as cleaners, paints, and solvents should never be disposed of by dumping on the ground or down the drain. They should be stored in a safe place until they can be taken to a hazardous waste collection site.

Never pour used motor oil, antifreeze, or fuel of any kind into a storm drain. It is both illegal and hazardous to public safety. These items can be disposed of at the local recycle site.

Please recycle

Do your part to conserve natural resources by recycling anything that can be recycled after use such as plastic milk jugs, newspapers, magazines, and glass bottles and jars just to name a few.

The Cridersville Police Auxiliary and the Lions Club sponsor a recycle day the first Saturday of each month at the recycle center in Tower Park. Hours are 9:00 am to Noon.