



City of Fairborn 2020 Water Quality Report

Opportunities to Participate

The Water System is operated under the direction of the City Council. Public meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Fairborn Government Center located at 44 W. Hebble Ave, Fairborn Ohio 45324.

Additionally, the Citizen Capital Improvements Review Committee reviews and makes recommendations for all major public works projects. Citizens' comments, as part of this process, are welcome. For more information on this committee's schedule, you may call the City Manager's Office at 937-754-3030.

These wells are located in one primary and a backup well field. Both well fields, with a total of 9 wells, are located over the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels 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.

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 contamination and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which naturally occur or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations limiting 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.

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 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).

What Is This Report?

To assure that you are aware of the quality of the water you consume, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) requires that a water quality report be provided to all consumers. This report includes information regarding 2020 sampling results, division and city contacts, and opportunities to participate in the decision making process.

Each year over 1 billion gallons of potable water is produced at the City of Fairborn Water Treatment Plant. The plant and distribution system are approved for operation under a current, unconditional license issued by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). In accordance to OEPA requirements, a wide array of sampling is conducted to assure that the finished product meets or exceeds current operational standards. In 2020 the City of Fairborn had an unconditioned license to operate our water system.

It is an OEPA requirement that certain language be included in all reports. Such language has been italicized in this document. Questions regarding this language should be directed to the OEPA.

If you would like copies of any of our sampling results or the Ohio EPA's vulnerability analysis of our water system, please email request to: Jeremy.billetter@fairbornoh.gov or call (937)754-3081.

About Drinking Water

Our drinking water comes from wells drilled below the earth's surface.



Go with the flow and share what you know!

Storm water has an ecological impact whether it drains to detention basins, creeks or rivers. Hazardous waste such as oil, soap and litter can cause sickness and even death to aquatic and land animals.

Who To Contact

For water quality, water and sewer maintenance, and storm water collection system questions or problems, contact:

[Division of Water and Sewer Maintenance](#) at 937-754-3097

For information on OEPA requirements, contact: [Safe Drinking Water Hotline](#) At 800-426-4791

PFAS Testing - In 2020, our PWS was sampled as part of the State of Ohio's Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Sampling Initiative. Results from this sampling indicated PFAS were detected in our drinking water below the action level established by Ohio EPA. Follow up monitoring is being conducted. For more information about PFAS, and to view our latest results please visit pfas.ohio.gov. The location of the detected PFAS is at the backup well field that produces less than 0.07% of the city's water. Detected PFAS does not mean there are any violations and the detection was less than half the action level which is 70 parts per trillion.

2020 Water Quality Sampling Results

Contaminants (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminants
Inorganic Contaminants							
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.10	0.86 to 1.22	No	2020	Erosion of natural deposits; water additives which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.16	0.15 to 0.16	No	2020	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	.69	.14 to .69	No	2020	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (ppb)	200	200	7	5 to 7	No	2020	Discharge from steel, plastic and fertilizer factories
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL = 1.3	0.19	0.055 to 0.23	No	2020	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
None of the 30 samples were found to have copper levels in excess of the copper action level of 1.3 ppm.							
Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	3.2	BDL to 9.4	No	2020	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
None of the 30 samples were found to have lead levels in excess of the lead action level of 15 ppb.							
Radioactive Contaminants							
Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	1.67	1.00 to 1.67	No	2020	Erosion of natural deposits
Residual Disinfectants and Byproducts							
Total Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	1.14	.93 to 1.33	No	2020	Water Additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	NA	80	22.1	18 to 22.1	No	2020	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination for disinfection
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	NA	60	7.0	<6.0 to 7.0	No	2020	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination for disinfection
Unregulated Contaminants							
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)*	None Set	None Set	6.6	5.6 to 6.6	No	2020	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination for disinfection
Bromoform (ppb)*	None Set	None Set	1.0	0.8 to 1.0	No	2020	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination for disinfection
Chloroform (ppb)*	None Set	None Set	10	7.6 to 10	No	2020	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination for disinfection
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)*	None Set	None Set	4.5	4.0 to 4.5	No	2020	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination for disinfection
Dibromoacetic Acid (ppb)*	None Set	None Set	1.4	1.2 to 1.4	No	2020	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination for disinfection
Dichloroacetic Acid (ppb)*	None Set	None Set	3.7	2.6 to 3.7	No	2020	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination for disinfection
Trichloroacetic Acid (ppb)*	None Set	None Set	1.9	1.5 to 1.9	No	2020	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination for disinfection

Abbreviations:

ppm = parts per million which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/L).

ppb = parts per billion which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (ug/L).

TT = Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

pCi/L = picocuries per liter, **BDL** = below the detectable limit

Definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there are no known or expected risks to health. MCLG’s allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – 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 technology.

Action Level (AL) – the concentration of a contaminant which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system shall follow.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - the level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected health risk. 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.

Not Applicable (NA) – does not apply.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. In 2020, The City of Fairborn participated in the fourth round of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 4) with results as shown in the following table. For a copy of complete results including undetected contaminants contact Jeremy Billetter at: Jeremy.billetter@fairbornoh.gov or (937)754-3081.

TABLE OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Contaminants (Units)	Sample Year	Average Level Found (ppb)	Range of Detections	Sample Location
Manganese	2020	8.2	7.2-9.2	Entry Point
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2020	6.02	4.74-7.30	Distribution
Haloacetic Acids (HAA9)	2020	10.27	8.39-12.15	Distribution
Haloacetic Acids (HAA68r)	2020	5.27	4.49-6.05	Distribution
Bromide	2020	16.75	0-33.5	Prior to Treatment

Reducing Your Risk of Exposure to Lead

While City of Fairborn lead results are well below the maximum contaminant level, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency requires that we provide you with the following 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. The City of Fairborn Division of Water and Sewer 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 thirty seconds to two 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 <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

In 2011 the Ohio EPA issued a Drinking Water Assessment report for the City of Fairborn:

*This assessment indicates that the City of Fairborn’s source of drinking water has a **high** susceptibility to contamination due to the:*

- a) Lack of a protective layer of clay overlying the aquifer*
- b) Shallow depth (less than 20 feet below ground surface) of the aquifer.*
- c) Presence of significant potential contaminant sources in the protection area.*

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