

2023 Consumer Confidence Report Data

RIPON WATER UTILITY, PWS ID: 42004765

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

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Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact David Laviolette at (920) 748-4900.

In 2023, the department had two major changes to the everyday water treatment to Ripon's water. The first change was stopping the addition of Fluoride to the water. The department and city weighed the options of having to pay upwards of \$300,000 to build chemical containment for the three wells that don't have separation between chemicals versus no longer adding the Fluoride to the water. No Fluoride has been added to the city water since March 2023.

In August of 2023, the department started adding 2ppm of ortho and poly phosphate to the city's water at all the wells. This was ordered by the DNR to help sequester lead in homes with lead water services. The phosphates also help with lining and creating a barrier between the pipe and water in our customers' water services. Overall, it protects homeowners with lead services from being exposed to lead in the water.

The addition of phosphates to the water system does NOT change the need to remove lead lines in the future. Phosphates can only help so much with the reduction of lead in houses that have lead services. The DNR, EPA, and the Ripon water dept would like to see them all eliminated sooner than later.

The funding to help homeowners with lead service line replacement ended in 2023. We are waiting to hear more about alternative programs coming up in the future to help with lead and certain galvanized water service line replacement. When new programs become available, we will let those homeowners that would qualify for them know how they work and what they need to do to get the process started for water service replacement.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality

City Council Meetings are held at City Hall, 100 Jackson Street, Ripon WI 54971, on the second Tuesday and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Agendas are available online at www.cityofripon.com and on-site.

Health Information

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 (800-426-4791).

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 systems 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 Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

| Source ID | Source | Depth (in feet) | Status |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|--------|
| 5 | Groundwater | 380 | Active |
| 6 | Groundwater | 185 | Active |
| 8 | Groundwater | 130 | Active |
| 9 | Groundwater | 320 | Active |

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, David Laviolette at (920) 748-4900.

Educational Information

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:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater 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 stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- 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 stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- 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 that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

| Term | Definition |
|--------------------|--|
| AL | Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. |
| HA and HAL | HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. Health Advisories are determined by US EPA. |
| HI | HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post a public notice. |
| Level 1 Assessment | A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. |
| Level 2 Assessment | A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions. |
| MCL | Maximum Contaminant Level: 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. |
| 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. |
| MFL | million fibers per liter |
| 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. |
| mrem/year | millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body) |
| NTU | Nephelometric Turbidity Units |
| pCi/l | picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity) |
| ppm | parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l) |
| ppb | parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l) |
| ppt | parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter |
| ppq | parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter |
| PHGS | PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. |
| RPHGS | RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. |
| SMCL | Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards. |
| TCR | Total Coliform Rule |
| TT | Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. |

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Disinfection Byproducts

| Contaminant (units) | Site | MCL | MCLG | Level Found | Range | Sample Date (if prior to 2023) | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|---------------------|------|-----|------|-------------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------|---|
| HAA5 (ppb) | D-1 | 60 | 60 | 24 | 24 | | No | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| TTHM (ppb) | D-1 | 80 | 0 | 12.6 | 12.6 | | No | By-product of drinking water chlorination |

Inorganic Contaminants

| Contaminant (units) | Site | MCL | MCLG | Level Found | Range | Sample Date (if prior to 2023) | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|-----------------------|------|-----|------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--|
| ARSENIC (ppb) | | 10 | n/a | 1 | 0 - 1 | | No | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes |
| BARIUM (ppm) | | 2 | 2 | 0.089 | 0.021 - 0.089 | | No | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits |
| CADMIUM (ppb) | | 5 | 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 - 0.0 | | No | Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints |
| CHROMIUM (ppb) | | 100 | 100 | 2 | 0 - 2 | | No | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits |
| FLUORIDE (ppm) | | 4 | 4 | 0.2 | 0.0 - 0.2 | | No | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| NICKEL (ppb) | | 100 | | 30.0000 | 1.3000 - 30.0000 | | No | Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products. |
| NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm) | | 10 | 10 | 1.50 | 0.53 - 1.50 | | No | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits |
| SODIUM (ppm) | | n/a | n/a | 77.00 | 6.30 - 77.00 | | No | n/a |

PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950. The following table list PFAS contaminants which were detected in your water and that have a Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standard (RPHGS) or Health Advisory Level (HAL). There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed the RPHGS or HAL. The RPHGS are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk and are based on guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

| Typical Source of Contaminant | | Drinking water is one way that people can be exposed to PFAS. In Wisconsin, two-thirds of people use groundwater as their drinking water source. PFAS can get in groundwater from places that make or use PFAS and release from consumer products in landfills. | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|---|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Contaminant (units) | Site | RPHGS or HAL (PPT) | Level Found | Range | Sample Date (if prior to 2023) |
| PFBS (ppt) | | 450000 | 1.80 | 0.00 - 1.80 | |
| PFHXS (ppt) | | 40 | 2.70 | 0.00 - 2.70 | |
| PFHXA (ppt) | | 150000 | 0.86 | 0.00 - 0.86 | |
| PFOS (ppt) | | 20 | 2.20 | 0.00 - 2.20 | |
| PFOA AND PFOS TOTAL (ppt) | | 20 | 2.20 | 0.00 - 2.20 | |

Radioactive Contaminants

| Contaminant (units) | Site | MCL | MCLG | Level Found | Range | Sample Date (if prior to 2023) | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|----------------------------------|------|-----|------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l) | | 15 | 0 | 4.5 | 0.7 - 4.5 | 6/2/2020 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l) | | 5 | 0 | 2.2 | 0.0 - 2.2 | 6/2/2020 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a) | | n/a | n/a | 5.3 | 0.0 - 5.3 | 6/2/2020 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l) | | 30 | 0 | 1.2 | 0.7 - 1.2 | 6/2/2020 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |

Additional Health 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. Ripon Water Utility 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.