

# *VILLAGE OF COLDWATER*

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## **2025 Report to Consumers on Water Quality**

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The Village of Coldwater Water Department is committed to providing residents with a safe and reliable supply of high-quality drinking water. We test our water using sophisticated equipment and advanced procedures. The Village of Coldwater Water Department water meets state and federal standards for both appearance and safety. This annual "Consumer Confidence Report," required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), tells you where your water comes from, what our tests show about it, and other things you should know about drinking water.

You can participate in decisions regarding your water by attending a Council meeting. The council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 610 West Sycamore Street, in the Village Municipal Center Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. More information is available by calling Brian Bruggeman or Jason Eyink at 419-678-4881.

### **License to Operate**

We, the Village of Coldwater, have a current unconditioned license to operate our water system.

### **Water Source**

The Village of Coldwater Water Department is supplied by groundwater pumped from 8 wells in two well fields near the corner of West Sycamore Street and South Cedar Street in Coldwater.

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

- ▶ presence of a thick protective layer of low permeable material overlying the aquifer,
- ▶ significant depth (36 - 78 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.

This susceptibility means that under currently existing conditions, the likelihood of the aquifer becoming contaminated is 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 Brian Bruggeman or Jason Eyink 419-678-4881.

### **Required Additional Health Information**

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes limits on 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 (800-426-4791).

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 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 operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm 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, storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, 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. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is 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* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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 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. USEPA/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 (800-426-4791).

## Lead Educational 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 Village of Coldwater 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 <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The 2024 Service Line Inventory is posted at the Municipal Building, located at 610 W. Sycamore St. Coldwater, OH 45828. You can also call 419-678-4881 and request a hard copy. Our distribution system has no lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or lead status unknown service lines. To determine this, we did a visual inspection of the service line materials when we changed out meters.

## Other Monitoring

In addition to testing we are required to perform, our water system voluntarily tests for dozens of additional substances and microscopic organisms to make certain our water is safe and of high quality. The State does not require that all contaminants be tested every year so some of our tests are from the most recent years. Unregulated contaminants are those for which U.S. EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of these contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. Due to a lab error the Village of Coldwater did not test for Radium 228 in the 2020-2025 time frame. Radium 228 is naturally found in groundwater. Long term consumption of high levels can cause bone cancer and other illnesses. On March 4, 2026 the Village tested for Radium 228. The results of that test indicated a Radium 228 level of 0.45 pCi/L, the MCL for Radium 228 is 5.0 pCi/L. In 2024 The Village of Coldwater participated in the fifth round of Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5). If you are interested in a more detailed report, contact the Village office at 419-678-4881.

## How Do I Read This Chart?

The table shows the results of our water-quality analyses. Every regulated contaminant that we detected in the water, even in the most minute traces, is listed here. The table contains the name of each substance, the highest level allowed by regulation (MCL), the ideal goals for public health, the amount detected, the usual sources of such contamination, footnotes explaining our findings, and a key to units of measurement. Definitions of MCL and MCLG are important.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** Is the maximum permissible level of a contaminant in water which is delivered to any user of a public water system. It is based on scientific research which concludes that greater concentrations could cause health problems in humans. 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.

**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.

**Million of Fibers per Liter (MF/L):** Are units of measurement of concentration of fibers in the water. One million fibers in one liter of water is equal to 1.0 MF/L.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** Is the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG does not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** Are concentration limits for nuisance contaminants, such as iron and manganese, which may have aesthetic effects such as taste, odor, or staining. The advisable maximum level of a contaminant in water which is delivered to the free-flowing outlet of the ultimate user of a public water system. Contaminants added to the water under circumstances controlled by the user, except those resulting from corrosion of piping and plumbing caused by water quality, are excluded from this definition.

**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 over 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 one second in 31.7 years.

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

**%REC:** Percent recoveries are calculated for each surrogate. Surrogates are organic compounds which are similar to analytes of interest in chemical composition, extraction, and chromatography, but which are not normally found in environmental samples. These compounds are spiked into all blanks, calibration and check standards, samples and spiked samples prior to analysis.

**The A"<" 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.

**N/A:** Not Applicable

### Key To Table

MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level

MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

MFL = Million of Fibers per liter

MRDL= Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

MRDLG= Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal

SMCL = Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level

ppm= parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

pCi/L=Picocuries per liter

AL = Action Level

%REC = Percent recoveries

Less than=<

N/A= Not Applicable

**Inorganic Contaminants**

Contaminant	Year Tested	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Detected Level	Range	Major Sources	Violation
Fluoride	2024	ppm	4	4	1.3	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth. Fluoride naturally occurs in the well water used by the Village of Coldwater.	NO

**Lead and Copper**

Contaminants (units)	Action Level {AL}	Individual Results over the AL	90% of test levels were less than	Violation	Year Sampled	Typical source of Contaminants
Lead (ppb)	15 ppb	0 of 20	0	NO	2025	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
	_0_ out of _20_ samples were found to have lead levels in excess of the lead action level of 15 ppb.					
Copper (ppm)	1.3 ppm	1 of 20	0.68	NO	2025	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
	_1_ out of _20_ samples were found to have copper levels in excess of the copper action level of 1.3 ppm.					

**Volatile Organic Contaminants**

Contaminant	Year Tested	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Detected Level	Range	Major Sources	Violation
Total Trihalomethanes	2025	ppb	80	N/A	57.15	33.60-72.5	By-product of drinking water chlorination.	NO
Haloacetic acids (HAAS) Total	2025	ppb	60	N/A	8.55	0.0-8.8	By-product of drinking water chlorination.	NO

**Residual Disinfectants**

Contaminant	Year Tested	Unit	MRDL	MRDLG	Detected Level	Range	Major Sources	Violation
Total Chlorine	2025	ppm	4	4	1.12	0.92-1.28	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment	NO

**Radio Logicals**

Contaminant	Year Tested	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Detected Level	Range	Major Sources	Violation
Gross ALPHA	2021	pCi/L	15pci/l	0	4.25 pci/l	N/A	Naturally occurring Radioactive elements as they decay	NO