

2025 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

Mountain Water Association

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Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua de beber. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.
(This report contains very important information about your drinking water. Translate it or speak with someone who understands it.)

WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION: This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Pat Martin (724) 564-7510. Our Business hours are 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday. We want you to be informed about your water supply. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the last Tuesday of every month at 4:00 PM at Mountain Water Association's office building.

SOURCE OF WATER: Our water sources are one groundwater well, Brownfield Well 1, and purchased surface water from North Fayette County Municipal Authority(NFCMA). The assessment area for Brownfield Well 1 is approximately 1.39 square miles and is within the municipality of Georges Township. North Fayette County Municipal Authority source water is from the Youghiogheny River which is designated for the protection of Warm Water Fisheries in Pennsylvania. The watershed encompasses approximately 1,280 square miles including 12 counties in three states (Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia).

A Source Water Assessment of our source(s) was completed by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (Pa. DEP). The Assessment has found that our source of the Brownfield Well 1 is potentially most susceptible to brine, surface water contamination from gas wells. North Fayette County Municipal Authority is potentially most susceptible to roads, bridges, railroads, auto repair, combined sewer outfalls, wildcat sewers, malfunctioning septic systems, utility substations, and runoff from non-point sources such as residential developments and mining. Overall, our source(s) has/have moderate (Brownfield Well) & high (North Fayette County) risk of significant contamination. A summary report of the Assessment is available on the Source Water Assessment Summary Reports eLibrary web page: www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/View/Collection-10045. Complete reports were distributed to municipalities, water supplier, local planning agencies and PADEP offices. Copies of the complete report are available for review at the Pa. DEP Southwest Regional Office, Records Management Unit at (412) 442- 4000.

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 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 (800-426-4791).

MONITORING YOUR WATER: We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The following tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025. The State allows us to monitor some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data is from prior years in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The date has been noted on the sampling results table.

DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS:

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

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.

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 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.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - 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.

Minimum Residual Disinfectant Level - The minimum level of residual disinfectant required at the entry point to the distribution system.

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 and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Mrem/year = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

pCi/L = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

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

ppq = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

DETECTED SAMPLE RESULTS:

Chemical Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine (Distribution)	MRDL= 4	MRDL G=4	1.48 (Dec 2025)	0.89 – 1.48	ppm	2025	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Barium	2	2	0.101	N/A	ppm	5/22/24	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Total Trihalomethanes	80	N/A	34.40 (3) (4 th Quarter)	14.2-60.2	ppb	2025	N	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids	60	N/A	26.4125 (3) (1 st Quarter)	12.4-37.0	ppb	2025	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Fluoride(2) (NFCMA)	2	2	1.13	0.57-1.13	ppm	2025	N	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (NFCMA)	10	10	0.52	N/A	ppm	7/1/25	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha (NFCMA)	15	0	2.0	N/A	pCi/L	2021	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226 (NFCMA)	5	0	0.0937	N/A	pCi/L	2023	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228 (NFCMA)	5	0	0.435	N/A	pCi/L	2023	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Uranium (NFCMA)	0.03	0	0.014	N/A	ug/L	2023	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Organic Carbon (NFCMA)	TT	N/A	% Removal Required 35%	% Removal Achieved (1) 35 % - 52 %	% Removed	2025	No Quarters in 2025 out of Compliance	Naturally Present in the environment

- (1) In quarters that the percent achieved was below required, there was no exceedance of the MCL because NFCMA met alternative compliance criteria as required by the PA Safe Drinking Water Act.
- (2) EPA's MCL for fluoride is 4 ppm. However, Pennsylvania has set a lower MCL to better protect human health.
- (3) Indicates that these are the highest running annual average (RAA) calculated during 2025. Since no values for the 4th Quarter 2024, the 1st Quarter of 2024 was included in the RAA

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Sample Date	Violation of TT Y/N	Source of Contamination
Turbidity (NFCMA)	TT=1 NTU for a single measurement	0	0.060	11/5/2025	N	Soil Runoff
	TT= at least 95% of monthly samples ≤0.3 NTU		100%	2025	N	

Entry Point Disinfectant Residual							
Contaminant	Minimum Disinfectant Residual	Lowest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Lowest Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine 2025	0.40	1.02	1.02 – 2.28	ppm	8/29/25	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Chlorine 2025 (NFCMA)	0.20	1.48	1.48 – 3.45	ppm	2/24/25	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Contaminant	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	90 th Percentile Value	Range of Tap Sampling Results	Units	# of Sites Above AL of Total Sites	Violation of TT Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Lead (2025)	15	0	1.79	0 – 12.6	ppb	0 out of 20	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (2025)	1.3	1.3	0.319	0.0163 – 0.526	ppm	0 out of 20	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

Lead: 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. Mountain Water Association is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Mountain Water Association at (724) 564-7510. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead

A lead service line inventory was not fully completed by the October 16, 2024 deadline. We are currently working on completing this inventory.

Violations: During 2025, we reported our Entry Point Chlorine past the required due date for the month of May and November 11th. All samples were taken on time, and results fell within the required parameters, however since the results were reported late, this triggered a late reporting violation. We also failed to monitor for Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid and Perfluorooctanoic Acid during the 3rd quarter. A Public Notification further describing these violations is enclosed at the end of this report.

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, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, 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, 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 and DEP prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA and DEP 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).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER FAILURE TO MONITOR

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Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Mountain Water Association

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2025, we failed to monitor for Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid and Perfluorooctanoic Acid during the 3rd quarter.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid and Perfluorooctanoic Acid, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were taken
Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid	Quarterly	3	3 rd Quarter 2025	N/A
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	Quarterly	3	3 rd Quarter 2025	N/A

What happened? What was done?

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For more information, please contact the Mountain Water Association office at (724) 564-7510.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Mountain Water Association.

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