***Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2024***

***Westfield Water Department***

***42 English Street***

***Public Water Supply ID# 0615782***

**INTRODUCTION**

To comply with State regulations, Westfield Water Department, will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This report provides an overview of last year’s water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

During 2024, we had one instance where a Boil Water Order was issued. On November 8, the water system lost pressure due to water main break, resulting in the Chautauqua County Health Department issuing a boil water advisory for all water customers in the area from 89 Bourne Street to Persons Street. After repairs were made, required bacteriological testing was completed and all water quality standards were met which led to the cancelling of the boil water advisory on November 13.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Erin Schuster, Senior Operator, Brian Kinney, Justin Parker, or Lynne Vilardo at 716-326-2832. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled village board meetings. The meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7PM in the North room at Eason Hall, 23 Elm Street or check us out on the web at www.villageofwestfield.org.

**WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?**

In general, 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 activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Departments and the FDA’s regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water source is Surface water drawn from Minton Reservoir which is located on Mt. Baldy Road and Chautauqua Creek which is located in the Chautauqua Gorge down from the water plant. During 2024, our system did not experience any restriction of our water source.

For Minton Reservoir and Chautauqua Creek this assessment found an elevated susceptibility to contamination for this source of drinking water. The amount of pasture in the assessment area results in a high potential for protozoa contamination. No permitted discharges are found in the assessment area. There are no noteworthy contamination threats associated with other discrete contaminant sources. Finally, it should be noted that hydrologic characteristics (e.g. basin shape and flushing rates) generally make reservoirs highly sensitive to existing and new sources of phosphorus and microbial contamination

The water department has been working with a technical assistance provider from Southern Tier West in conjunction with the NYSDEC to devise a Drinking Water Source Protection Plan (DWSP2). This plan will help us to identify potential threats to our source water, recommend actions to reduce or eliminate the threats and help us to seek funding to cover some of the costs associated with any work that may be recommended. During the application process we outlined several actions that we feel would improve the quality of our drinking water and that would guarantee ample water for both the Village and the Town for many years. These actions included reservoir dredging, tributary streambank stabilization and implementation of an easement of neighboring property surrounding the Village’s reservoir. With the help of stakeholders from the Village and Town of Westfield as well as representatives from the Chautauqua County Department of Health, the plan has been completed and is under initial review by the NYSDEC.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Our system serves nearly 4,000 residents through 1750 service connections. Average daily production was 556,963 gallons per day with a peak output of up to 1,176,400 gallons per day. The maximum total peak production design of the water treatment plant is 1,872,000 gallons per day. The amount of water delivered to customers (metered sales) was 133,406,000 gallons. Our production last year was 203,291,400 gallons. This leaves 19 million gallons used for filter washing and for system maintenance, unaccounted for total of 51 million gallons. This water was used to flush mains, clean filters, fight fires and leakage. Of that amount, leakage alone accounts for less than 25% of the total amount produced. The basic service charge for water in the Village is $23.40. The first 2,000 gallons are included in the basic service charge. Each additional thousand gallons cost customers $4.70 per thousand gallons, up to 60,000 gallons. Anything over 60,000 gal. costs $3.70 per thousand. The water rates for outside the village are one and one-half times the village rates. Water is sold by bulk at the rate of $4.00 per thousand gallons plus $46.57 per hour labor.

**ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?**

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead, copper, volatile organic compounds, total haloacetic acids, radiological, total trihalomethanes, and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably 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 EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the Chautauqua County Health Department 753-4481.

***VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD TEST RESULTS (DETECTS)***

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Contaminant | Violation | Date Of  Sample | Level  Detected | Unit  Measurement | MCLG | Regulatory Limit  (MCL/AL) | Likely Source of Contamination |

**MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Turbidity1 | No | 04/04/24 | 0.22 | NTU | n/a | TT=<1.0 NTU | Soil run-off |
| Turbidity1 | No | April  (2024) | 100 %  <.30 | NTU | n/a | TT=95% of samples  <0.3 NTU | Soil run-off |
| Distribution  Turbidity1 | No | June  (2024) | 0.30 | NTU | n/a | MCL>5 NTU | Naturally present in the environment |

**RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Radium226 | No | 8/10/16 | .326 | pCi/l | 0 | 1.6 (MCL) | Erosion of natural deposits |

**INORGANIC CONTAMINATS**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Copper2 | No | 6/25/24 | 0.329  Range = 0.04-0.538 | ppm | 1.3 | 1.3 (AL) | Corrosion of household plumbing systems: Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. |
| Lead3 | No | 6/25/24 | <1  Range =  <1-1.6 | ppb | n/a | 15 (AL) | Corrosion of household plumbing systems: Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. |
| Barium | No | 5/15/24 | 0.0318 | ppm | 1.0 | 1.0 (MCL) | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits. |
| Nickel | No | 5/15/24 | 1.4 | ppb | N/A | N/A | Enters groundwater and surface water by dissolution of rocks and soils, from atmospheric fallout, biological decays and from waste disposal. |
| Fluoride | No | Daily  (2024) | Avg.=0.68  Range=  0.32-.97 | ppm | n/a | (see health effects) | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |

**DISINFECTANT**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Chlorine Residual | No | Daily  (2024) | Avg.=1.23  Range =  0.52-1.4 | ppm | n/a | 4.0 (MCL) | Water additive used to control microbes |

**STAGE 2 DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS (EDGEWATER CONDOS)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Trihalomethanes | No | Quarterly  (2024) | Avg.=49  Range=  34.8 – 65.7 | ppb | n/a | 80 (MCL) | By-products of drinking water chlorination. TTHM's are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter. |
| Haloacetic Acids | No | Quarterly  (2024) | Avg.=28.5  Range=  21.3 – 52.2 | ppb | n/a | 60 (MCL) | By-product of drinking water chlorination. |

**STAGE 2 DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS (KWIK FILL/RED APPLE)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Trihalomethanes | No | Quarterly  (2024) | Avg.=40.9  Range=  23.0– 61.2 | ppb | n/a | 80 (MCL) | By-products of drinking water chlorination. TTHM's are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter. |
| Haloacetic Acids | No | Quarterly  (2024) | Avg.=33.5  Range=  17.8 – 51.0 | ppb | n/a | 60 (MCL) | By-product of drinking water chlorination. |

**Notes:**1 – Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Our highest single turbidity measurement for the year occurred on 04/04/24 (0.22 NTU). State regulations require that turbidity must always be less than or equal to 1.0 NTU. The regulations require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 0.3 NTU. Although April 2024 was the month when we had the highest turbidity measurements, the levels recorded were within the acceptable range allowed and did not constitute a treatment technique violation.

Distribution Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water found in the distribution system. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality. High turbidity can hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants. Our highest average monthly distribution turbidity measurement detected during the year (0.30 NTU) occurred in May 2024. This value is below the State’s maximum contaminant level (5 NTU).

2– The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 20 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 20 samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was calculated to be equal to the 3rd highest result which was 0.478 mg/l. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.

3 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 20 samples collected. There were one detection of 1.6 ppb for lead in our system, therefore the 90th percentile value is a non-detection.

**Is our water system meeting other rules that govern operations?**

During 2024, our system was in compliance with all applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring, and reporting requirements.

**Do I Need to Take Special Precautions?**

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens 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 from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Definitions:**

***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.

***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 contamination.

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

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

***Level 1 Assessment:*** A Level 1 assessment is an evaluation 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 an evaluation 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.

***Non-Detects (ND)***: Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

***Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)***: A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

***Milligrams per liter (mg/l)***: Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

***Micrograms per liter (ug/l)***: Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

***Nanograms per liter (ng/l)***: Corresponds to one part of liquid to one trillion parts of liquid (parts per trillion - ppt).

***Picograms per liter (pg/l)***: Corresponds to one part per of liquid to one quadrillion parts of liquid (parts per quadrillion – ppq).

***Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)***: A measure of the radioactivity in water.

***Millirems per year (mrem/yr)***: A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

***Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)***: A measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?**

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State. Lead and copper were detected within the system but of 20 samples collected none were found exceeding the action levels. We are however required to present the following information on Lead in drinking water:

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| Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. *The Village of Westfield* is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact *The Village of Westfield at 716-326-2832*. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at [*https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead*](https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead). |

**IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?**

During 2024, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring, and reporting requirements.

**INFORMATION ON LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY**

A Lead Service Line (LSL) is defined as any portion of pipe that is made of lead which connects the water main to the building inlet. An LSL may be owned by the water system, owned by the property owner, or both. The inventory includes both potable and non-potable SLs within a system. In accordance with the federal Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) our system has prepared a lead service line inventory and have made it publicly accessible by visiting the Village DPW office located at 42 English Street. Our office hours are Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m.to 3:00 p.m.

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**INFORMATION ON FLUORIDE ADDITION**

Our system is one of the many drinking water systems in New York State that provides drinking water with a controlled, low level of fluoride for consumer dental health protection. According to United States Centers for Disease Control, fluoride is very effective in preventing cavities when present in drinking water at an optimal range from 0.7 to 1.2 mg/l (parts per million). To ensure that the fluoride supplement in your water provides optimal dental protection, the State Department of Health requires that we monitor fluoride levels on a daily basis. During 2024 monitoring showed fluoride levels in your water were in the optimal range 95% of the time. None of the monitoring results showed fluoride

at levels that approach the 2.2 mg/l MCL for fluoride.

**INFORMATION FOR NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING RESIDENTS**

**Spanish**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua beber. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

**WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?**

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

* Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
* Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
* Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential firefighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

* Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
* Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
* Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
* Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.
* Use your water meter to detect hidden leaks. Simply turn off all taps and water using appliances, then check the meter after 15 minutes. If it moved, you have a leak.

**SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

* A reminder to all our consumers, the water department flushes hydrants a minimum of twice per year, once in the spring and once in the fall. There are notifications posted at the Village offices and on the Village website.
* Water meters are sealed with a Village of Westfield seal. **Meter seals should not be removed**. If the seal needs to be removed for repairs, pre-authorization is required; please contact the Village Offices Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 888-955-3264.
* All billing questions, turn on and turn off information call 888-955-3264 the Village Office at 23 Elm Street
* **If you have a water or sewer problem that is not related to billing, please call 716-326-2832 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. We will answer questions and help resolve problems.**
* The Treatment system is well maintained and in good working order.

Our water bills pay to keep our community tap water safe, reliable, and there for us – 24/7 without fail. For more information about what your tap water delivers you, visit [www.nysawwa.org](http://www.nysawwa.org).

If you have not had your water line inspected for lead yet, please call The Village of Westfield Water Department at 716-326-2832 to make an appointment. The inspection will take 5-10 minutes to complete. We are scheduling appointments 7 days a week. The Village was required to have this inventory completed by October 16, 2024. We submitted the information we obtained. We were unable to inspect some properties and still need the information.

**CLOSING**

The Village of Westfield has partnered with **Textmygov** to offer text notifications to residents. This service will be used to notify residents of important updates such as water leaks, street closings and power outages. To register, text **Westfield to 91896** or visit the Village website at [www.villageofwestfield.org](http://www.villageofwestfield.org) and use the link provided.