2025 Annual

# WATER QUALITY REPORT

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# Water Quality Report **Summary**

## We are proud to share our annual Water Quality Report – also known as a Consumer Confidence Report or CCR.

This report provides important details about your drinking water – like where it comes from and what we detected when we sampled. It also explains the importance of protecting water sources and the extensive effort required to deliver safe, clean, and reliable drinking water service – reminding us that keeping water clean is everyone's responsibility.

**We are pleased to report that in 2025, your water met state and federal drinking water requirements.**

## There is more to it than just sampling!

### Dedicated employees.

Our employees care deeply about providing essential water and wastewater services to the customers they serve. From the people collecting samples to those working in the treatment plant to those that keep water flowing through the pipes, our employees strive to be the best at what they do!

### Your Voice Matters.

American Water- Military Services welcomes feedback about your water. If you would like to share your thoughts, ask questions, or receive a copy of this report, call our Customer Service team Monday–Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at 1-845-667-0250. You can also visit amwater.com and diversityataw.com. Follow American Water on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

**IMPORTANT: Please share this information with anyone who drinks this water** (or their guardians), especially those who may not have received this report directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this report in a public place or distributing copies by hand, mail, email, or another method.

**ENGLISH**
This report contains important information about your drinking water. Translate it, or speak with someone who understands it at the number listed below.

**SPANISH/ESPAÑOL**
Este informe contiene información importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien llamando al número de teléfono que aparece debajo.

**TRADITIONAL CHINESE/**繁體中文
該報告包含有關您的飲用水的重要資訊。請將其翻譯，或撥打以下電話與理解報告內容之人士溝通。

**TRADITIONAL CHINESE (HONG KONG)/**繁體中文 (香港地區)
該報告載有關乎閣下飲用水之重要資訊。請將報告內容翻譯，或致電下列號碼，與精通報告內容之人士聯絡。

**SIMPLIFIED CHINESE/简体中文**
本报告包含关于您的饮用水的重要信息。请将其翻译，或拨打以下电话与理解报告内容的人员沟通。

**CREOLE/KREYÒL AYISYEN**
Rapò sa a gen ladan enfòmasyon enpòtan sou dlo pou bwè a. Tradui li, oubyen pale ak yon moun ki konprann li nan nimewo ki endike anba a.

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Ovo izvješće sadrži važne informacije u vezi vaše pitke vode. Dajte ga prevesti, ili razgovarajte s osobom koja ga razumije, a koju osobu možete kontaktirati na donji broj.

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**GUJARATI/ગુજરાતી**
આ રિપોર્ટમાં તમારા પીવાના પાણી વિશે મહત્વપૂર્ણ માહિતી છે. તેનો અનુવાદ કરો અથવા નીચે આપેલ નંબર પર તેને સમજતા કોઈ વ્યક્તિ સાથે વાત કરો.

**HINDI/हिन्दी**
इस रिपोर्ट में आपके पीने के पानी के बारे में महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी है। इसका अनुवाद करें, या नीचे दिए गए नंबर पर इसे समझने वाले किसी व्यक्ति से बात करें।

**HMONG/HMOOB**
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**ITALIAN/ITALIANO**
Questo resoconto contiene informazioni importanti sulla sua acqua potabile. Lo traduca oppure ne parli con qualcuno che lo comprende al numero elencato di seguito.

**KOREAN/한국어**
이 보고서는 귀하가 마시는 물에 관한 중요한 정보를 담고 있습니다. 아래에 기재된 전화번호로 연락하여 번역을 요청하거나, 내용을 이해하는 사람과 상담하십시오.

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Niniejszy raport zawiera ważne informacje dotyczące wody pitnej. Proszę go przetłumaczyć lub skontaktować się z osobą, która go rozumie, dzwoniąc pod numer podany poniżej.

**PORTUGUESE/PORTUGUÊS**
Este relatório contém informações importantes sobre sua água potável. Para obter uma tradução ou conversar com alguém que compreenda o conteúdo, ligue para o número fornecido abaixo.

**RUSSIAN/РУССКИЙ ЯЗЫК**
Этот отчет содержит важную информацию о Вашей питьевой воде. Переведите его или обратитесь к кому-либо, кто его понимает, позвонив по указанному ниже номеру.

**TAGALOG**
Ang ulat na ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa iyong inuming tubig. Isalin ito, o makipag-usap sa isang taong nakakaunawa nito sa numerong nakalista sa ibaba.

**VIETNAMESE/TIẾNG VIỆT**
Bản báo cáo này chứa đựng những thông tin quan trọng về nước uống của quý vi. Vui lòng dịch nội dung này hoặc liên hệ với người hiểu được nội dung này tại số điện thoại được liệt kê bên dưới.

**العربية/ARABIC**
يحتوي هذا التقرير على معلومات مهمة حول مياه الشرب الخاصة بك. يُرجى ترجمته أو التحدث مع شخص يفهمه من خلال الاتصال على الرقم المذكور أدناه.

**فارسی/FARSI**
این گزارش حاوی اطلاعات مهمی درباره آب آشامیدنی شما است. آن را ترجمه کنید، یا با شخصی که آن را درک می کند از طریق شماره ذکر شده در زیر تماس بگیرید.

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## About Us

With a history dating back to 1886, **American Water (NYSE: AWK)** is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,500 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and regulated-like drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people in 24 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to help keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit amwater.com and diversityataw.com. Follow American Water on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

**American Water's Military Services Group (MSG)** has the honor of maintaining a strong and on-going partnership with the Department of Defense through the Utilities Privatization (UP) Program. MSG oversees ownership, operation and maintenance of the water and wastewater utility systems at 18 installations with 50-year contracts. Responsibilities include system capital investment, regulatory and environmental compliance, planning, asset recapitalization, and long-term operations and maintenance.

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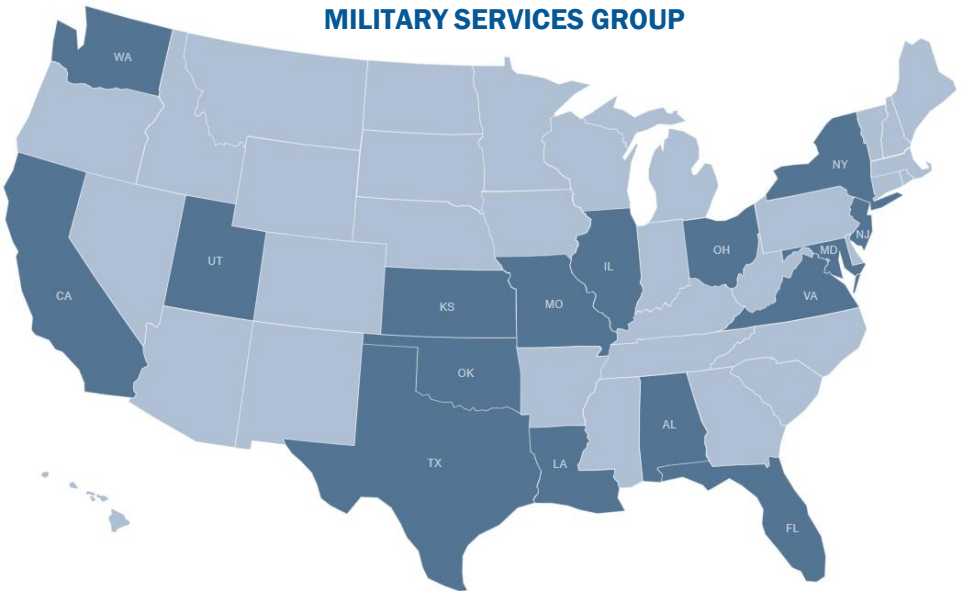
**MILITARY SERVICES GROUP**




## Military Site Service Locations

**Alabama**
Fort Rucker, AL

**California**
Vandenberg Space Force Base, CA

**Florida**
Mayport

**Illinois**
Scott Air Force Base

**Kansas**
Fort Leavenworth

**Louisiana**
Fort Polk

**Maryland**
Fort Meade

**Missouri**
Fort Leonard Wood

**New Jersey**
Picatinny Arsenal

**New York**
U.S. Army Garrison West Point

**Ohio**
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

**Oklahoma**
Fort Sill

**Texas**
Fort Hood
Joint Base San Antonio

**Utah**
Hill Air Force Base

**Virginia**
Fort A.P. Hill
Fort Belvoir

**Washington**
Joint Base Lewis-McChord

# Water Quality **Results**

Our team of experts conducts extensive sampling on the quality of your water. The tables on the following pages show the substances that were detected. This includes substances with drinking water limits and some that are not currently regulated. Definitions are also provided to help you understand key terms and acronyms.

Most results come from samples collected last year. Some results are from previous years because less sampling is required if levels remain consistently low. For more information about the results included in these tables, including lead tap sampling, please contact 1-845-667-0250.

## Special Health Information

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/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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) or on EPA's website epa.gov/safewater.

**REGULATED SUBSTANCES - Collected at the Treatment Plant**

| Substance (with units) | Year Sampled | Compliance Achieved | MCLG | MCL | Highest Level | Range | Typical Source |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fluoride (ppm)** | 2025 | Yes | 4 | 2.2 | 0.97 | 0.38 – 0.97 | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| **Nitrate (ppm)** | 2025 | Yes | 10 | 10 | 0.250 | 0.250 | Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| **Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (ppm)** | 2024 | Yes | 0 | 0.006 | 0.0008 | ND – 0.0008 | Discharge from industrial factories |
| **Manganese (ppm)** | 2024 | Yes | NA | 0.3 | 0.01 | ND – 0.01 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| **Combined Radium (-226 & -228) (pCi/L)** | 2024 | Yes | 0 | 5 | 0.67 | 0.67 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| **Chlorine Residual (ppm) [1]** | 2025 | Yes | MRDLG 4 | MRDL 4 | 1.46 | 1.46 – 3.23 | Water additive used to control microbes |

[1] Data represents the lowest residual entering the distribution system from the water treatment plant

| TURBIDITY - Monitored at the Treatment Plant | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Substance (with units)** | **Year Sampled** | **Compliance Achieved** | **MCLG** | **MCL** | **Highest Value** | **Lowest Monthly % of Samples ≤ 0.3 NTU** | **Typical Source** |
| **Turbidity (NTU)** | 2025 | Yes | NA | TT | 0.095 | 100% | Soil runoff |

**Turbidity:** Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of water. We monitor it as an indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system. Compliance with the turbidity Treatment Technique (TT) is achieved when 95% of four-hour filtered water readings are 0.3 NTU or lower and no readings are greater than 1 NTU.

| TREATMENT BYPRODUCTS PRECURSOR REMOVAL - Collected at the Treatment Plant | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Substance (with units)** | **Year Sampled** | **Compliance Achieved** | **MCLG** | **MCL** | **Lowest RAA** | **Range of Monthly Ratios** | **Typical Source** |
| **Total Organic Carbon (ppm)** | 2025 | Yes | NA | TT | 1.18 | 1.18 – 1.93 | Naturally present in the environment |

**Total Organic Carbon**: Although the concentration is measured as ppm, the values shown are ratios used to determine compliance. Compliance with the Treatment Technique (TT) is based on the lowest running annual average (RAA) of monthly ratios of the treatment removal achieved compared to required removal. A minimum annual average ratio of 1.00 is required.

| TURBIDITY - Monitored in the Distribution System | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Substance (with units)** | **Year Sampled** | **Compliance Achieved** | **MCLG** | **MCL** | **Highest Value** | **Typical Source** |
| **Turbidity (NTU)** | 2025 | Yes | NA | < 5 | 1.45 | Soil runoff |

**Turbidity:** Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of water. We monitor it as an indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system. Turbidity compliance in the distribution system is met when all samples are less than 5 NTU.

| REGULATED SUBSTANCES - Collected in the Distribution System | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Substance (with units)** | **Year Sampled** | **Compliance Achieved** | **MCLG** | **MCL** | **Highest Running Annual Average** | **Range Detected** | **Typical Source** |
| **Haloacetic Acids (ppb)** | 2025 | Yes | NA | 60 | 28.2 | 20.9 – 30.9 | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| **Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)** | 2025 | Yes | NA | 80 | 47.7 | 25.6 – 69.5 | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| **Chlorine (ppm)** | 2025 | Yes | MRDLG 4 | MRDL 4 | 1.31 | 0.29 – 2.54 | Water additive used to control microbes |

**Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) and Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs):** Compliance based on the highest LRAA (locational running annual average) that is calculated quarterly. The highest quarterly LRAA is provided in the table.
**Chlorine**: A public water system is compliant with the MRDL if the running annual average of monthly averages of samples taken in the distribution system computed quarterly is less than or equal to the MRDL.

| REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE - At least 15 samples collected each 3 years in the distribution system | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Substance (with units)** | **Year Sampled** | **Compliance Achieved** | **MCLG** | **MCL** | **Highest Number of Positive Samples Collected in any one month** | **Typical Source** |
| **Total Coliform[1]** | 2025 | Yes | 0 | *TT = No more than 1 positive monthly sample | 0 | Naturally present in the environment |
| **E. Coli[2]** | 2025 | Yes | 0 | TT = No confirmed samples | 0 | Human and animal fecal waste |

NOTE: Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator of the general bacteriological quality of the water. We are reporting the highest percentage of positive samples in any month.

[1] The Treatment Technique for Total Coliforms requires that if the maximum percentage OR number of total coliform positive samples are exceeded, a system assessment must be conducted, any sanitary defects identified, and corrective actions completed. Additional Level 1 Assessments or Level 2 Assessments are required depending on the circumstances.

[2] The Treatment Technique for E. Coli requires that for any routine sample that is positive for total coliform where either the original sample or one of the repeat check samples is also positive for E. Coli, a Level 2 Assessment must be conducted, any sanitary defects identified, and corrective actions completed.

The E. Coli MCL is exceeded if routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is E. coli-positive, or the system fails to take repeat samples following an E. coli-positive routine sample, or the system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat samples for E. coli.

| LEAD AND COPPER MONITORING PROGRAM - At least 20 tap water samples collected at customers' taps every 3 years | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Substance (with units)** | **Year Sampled** | **Compliance Achieved** | **MCLG** | **Action Level** | **90th Percentile** | **Range** | **Number of Sites Sampled** | **Sites Above Action Level** | **Typical Source** |
| **Lead (ppb)** | 2023 | Yes | 0 | 15 | 2.69 | ND to 5.3 | 20 | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems |
| **Copper (ppm)** | 2023 | Yes | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0288 | 0.0034 – 0.045 | 20 | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems |

**Lead and Copper:** Compliance is achieved when at least 90% of samples collected from water standing in contact with plumbing for at least 6 hours are below the Action Level. Complete lead tap sampling data are available for review by contacting 1-845-667-0250.

| ADDITIONAL WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS OF INTEREST - Water Leaving the Treatment Plant | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Substance (with units)** | **Year Sampled** | **SMCL** | **Highest Level** | **Range Detected** |
| **Chloride (ppm)** | 2024 | 250 | 19.38 | 17.8 – 21.8 |
| **Sulfate (ppm)** | 2024 | 250 | 6.90 | 5.67 – 6.90 |
| **Sodium (ppm) [1]** | 2025 | NA | 22.5 | 22.5 |

**SMCLs:** EPA has established secondary maximum contaminant levels (SMCLs) as guidelines to assist public water systems in managing their drinking water for aesthetic considerations, such as taste, color, and odor. These contaminants are not considered to present a risk to human health at the SMCL.

[1] Sodium- Water containing more than 20mg/L (ppm) of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/L (ppm) of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.

## Availability of Monitoring Data for Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the Agency should consider regulating those contaminants in the future. Every five years, the EPA issues a new list of no more than 30 unregulated contaminants to be monitored. More information is available at https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule Our system participated the latest round of sampling under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5). There were no detections of these unregulated contaminants. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact 1-845-667-0250.

### PFAS Monitoring

PFAS refers to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, a class of synthetic chemicals, manufactured for industrial applications and commercial household products such as: non-stick cookware; waterproof and stain resistant fabrics and carpets; firefighting foam and cleaning products. The properties that make these chemicals useful in so many of our every-day products also resist breaking down and therefore persist in the environment. Exposure may be from food, food packaging, consumer products, house dust, indoor and outdoor air, drinking water and at workplaces where PFAS are made or used.

American Water – West Point has been monitoring for PFOA and PFAS in our drinking water since the adoption in 2020 of the NYS MCL of 10 ppt for each of these analytes. This sampling allows us to be better prepared as U.S. EPA is currently developing drinking water standards for six PFAS chemicals – PFOA (4 ppt), PFOS (4 ppt), and GenX, PFBS, PFNA, and PFHxS as a group using a Hazard Index of 1. For more information on the proposed drinking water standards, please visit https://www.epa.gov/pfas. Additionally, in 2024, American Water – West Point tested our drinking water for 29 PFAS chemicals through our participation in the U.S. EPA Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule program, or UCMR. Through the UCMR program, water systems collect data on a group of contaminants that are currently not regulated in drinking water at the federal level. U.S. EPA uses this information when deciding if it needs to create new drinking water limits.

The science and regulation of PFAS and other contaminants is always evolving, and American Water strives to be a leader in research and development. PFAS contamination is one of the most rapidly changing areas in the drinking water field. We have invested in our own independent research, as well as engaging with other experts in the field to understand PFAS occurrence in the environment. We are also actively assessing treatment technologies that can effectively remove PFAS from drinking water, because we believe that investment in research is critically important to addressing this issue.

On August 26, 2020, NYS adopted a maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and PFAS in drinking water – the lowest level in the United States. Public water systems serving 3,300-9,999 people were required to begin monitoring within 90 days.

### 1,4-DIOXANE

1,4-Dioxane is a chemical that has been used as a stabilizer in solvents, paint strippers, greases, and gas. Exposure to 1,4-Dioxane over certain levels may results in adverse health effects.

On August 26, 2020, NYS was the first state in the nation to adopt a MCL for 1,4-Dioxane and has set the standard at 1 ppb. Public water systems serving 3,300-9,999 people were required to begin monitoring within 90 days.

# Definition of Terms

These are terms that may appear in your report.

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

**Contaminant:** Any physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance or matter in water.

**Hazard Index:** The Hazard Index is an approach that determines the health concerns associated with mixtures of certain PFAS in finished drinking water. Low levels of multiple PFAS that individually would not likely result in adverse health effects may pose health concerns when combined in a mixture. The Hazard Index MCL represents the maximum level for mixtures of PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and/or PFBS allowed in water delivered by a public water system. A Hazard Index greater than 1 requires a system to take action.

**Herbicide:** Any chemical(s) used to control undesirable vegetation.

**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.

**LRAA:** Locational Running Annual Average

**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. See also Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL).

**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.

**MFL:** Million fibers per liter

**micromhos per centimeter (µmhos/cm):** A measure of electrical conductance.

**NA:** Not applicable

**ND:** Not detected

**Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU):** Measurement of the clarity, or turbidity, of the water.

**parts per billion (ppb):** One part substance per billion parts water; equal to micrograms per liter (µg/L)

**parts per million (ppm):** One part substance per million parts water; equal to milligrams per liter (mg/L)

**parts per trillion (ppt):** One part substance per trillion parts water; equal to nanograms per liter (ng/L)

**Pesticide:** Generally, any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.

**pH:** A measurement of acidity, 7.0 being neutral.

**picocuries per liter (pCi/L):** Measurement of the natural rate of disintegration of radioactive contaminants in water (also beta particles).

**Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS):** MCLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements and water treatment requirements.

**RAA:** Running Annual Average

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

**SWRCB:** State Water Resources Control Board

**TON:** Threshold Odor Number

**Total Dissolved Solids (TDS):** An overall indicator of the amount of minerals in water.

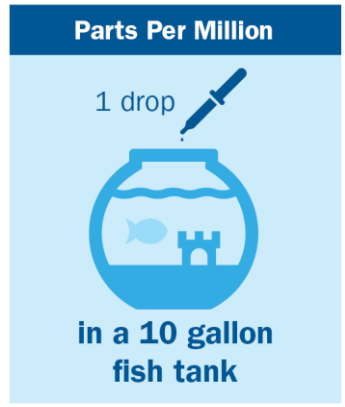
**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

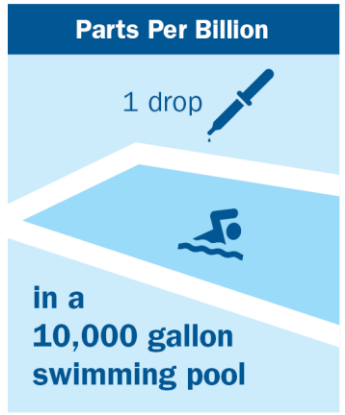
**Variances and Exemptions:** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or utilize a treatment technique under certain conditions.

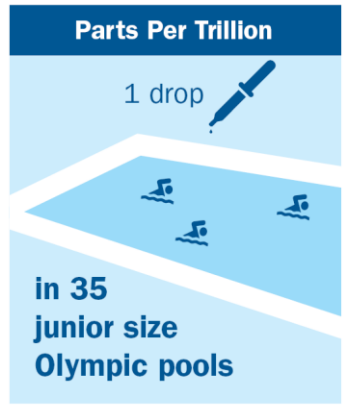
**µg/L:** Micrograms per liter

**%:** Percent

## MEASUREMENTS



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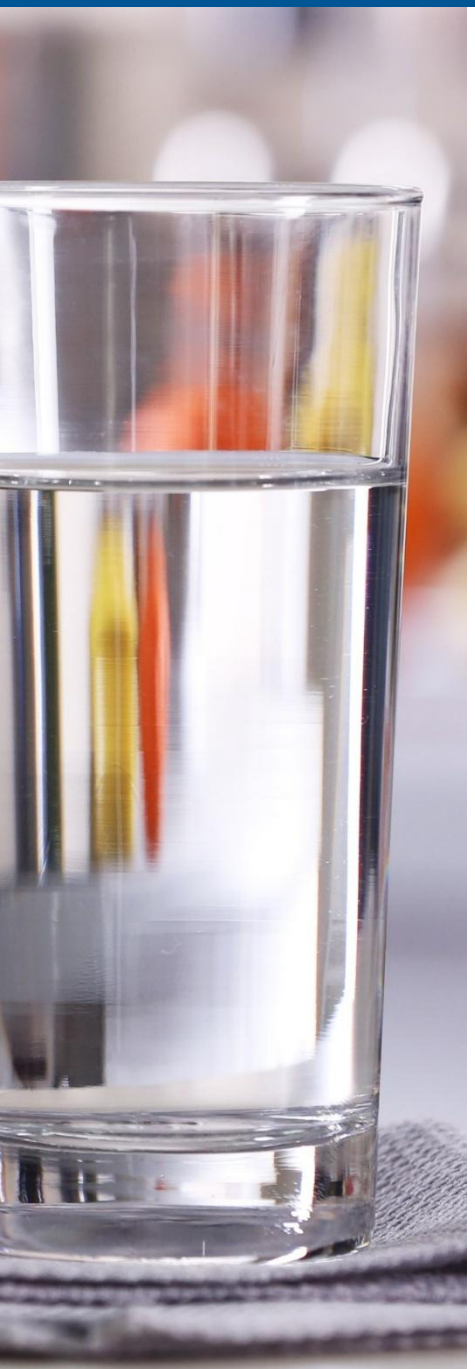

## Chlorine Disinfection

Chlorine is used to destroy disease-causing organisms in water, an essential step in delivering safe drinking water and protecting public health. Chlorination is the most widely used method for disinfecting water supplies in the United States. Chlorine is first applied at the water treatment facility and a continual residual is maintained as it travels from the source, through the distribution system, and finally to your water tap. Medical centers that perform dialysis are responsible for on-site treatment and removal of chlorine.

## Fluoride

The USMA West Point Lusk system adds fluoride to the water supply. This practice has been in place since 1958 at the request of the post surgeon. Sodium Silicofluoride is used to furnish the fluoride ion and is applied to the water by special machinery designed to achieve an optimal fluoride level of 0.7 parts per million (ppm).
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends a fluoride concentration in drinking water (also called the Optimal Level) of 0.7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water. The U.S. EPA limit for fluoride in drinking water is 4.0 mg/L. The U.S. EPA also recommends, as a secondary standard, that drinking water contain no more than 2.0 mg/L of fluoride. This secondary standard is a non-enforceable guideline and is intended to help children avoid dental fluorosis.

If you have any questions regarding fluoride, please call the American Water West Point operation's main office at 845-667-0250.

## PFAS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are manufactured chemicals used in many household products including nonstick cookware (e.g., Teflon™), stain repellants (e.g., Scotchgard™), and waterproofing (e.g., GORE-TEX™). They are also used in industrial applications such as in firefighting foams and electronics production. There are thousands of PFAS chemicals, and they persist in the environment. Two well-known PFAS chemicals are perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). These were phased out of production in the United States and replaced by hexafluoropropylene oxide-dimer acid (commonly known as GenX), perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) and others.

The science and regulation of PFAS and other contaminants is always evolving, and American Water strives to be a leader in research and development. PFAS contamination is one of the most rapidly changing areas in the drinking water field. We have invested in our own independent research, as well as engaging with other experts in the field to understand PFAS occurrence in the environment. We are also actively assessing treatment technologies that can effectively remove PFAS from drinking water, because we believe that investment in research is critically important to addressing this issue.

# Important Information **Drinking Water**

## Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water and/or finished water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immunocompromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immunocompromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

# About **Lead**

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. USMA West Point Lusk 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, please contact

American Water's main office at 845-667-0250

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

**OUR SERVICE LINE INVENTORY**

American Water created an inventory of service line materials. Based on our records, lead or galvanized service lines requiring replacement have been identified. For more information about the inventory or the service line serving your residence, contact us at 1-845-667-0250 or visit https://www.amwater.com/corp/Products-Services/Military-Services/

## The most common source of lead in tap water is from the customer's plumbing and their service line.

The utility-owned water mains are not made of lead; however, the water service line that carries the water from the water main in the street to your home could be. Homeowners' service lines may be made of lead, copper, galvanized steel or plastic. You can assess your service line material where it enters your home, typically in your basement, crawl space or garage, near the inlet valve.

## Steps to Reduce Your Potential Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water

### Steps we are taking:

Corrosion of pipes, plumbing fittings and fixtures may cause lead and copper to enter drinking water. To assess corrosion of lead and copper, USMA West Point Lusk conducts tap sampling for lead and copper at selected sites every 3 years. West Point uses pH control and monitoring to control corrosion, To ensure the treatment is operating effectively, West Point monitors water quality parameters set by the state and EPA, 24 hr. 7 days a week continuous monitoring

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### Steps you can take:

You cannot see, smell or taste lead, and boiling water will not remove lead. Here are steps you can take to reduce your potential exposure if lead exists in your home plumbing.

1. **Flush your taps.** The longer the water lies dormant in your home's plumbing, the more lead it might contain. If the water in your faucet has gone unused for more than six hours, flush the tap with cold water for 30 seconds to two minutes before drinking or using it to cook. To conserve water, catch the running water and use it to water your plants.

2. **Use cold water for drinking and cooking.** Hot water has the potential to contain more lead than cold water. If hot water is needed for cooking, heat cold water on the stove or in the microwave.

3. **Routinely remove and clean all faucet aerators.**

4. **Look for the "Lead Free" label** when replacing or installing plumbing fixtures.

5. **Follow manufacturer's instructions for replacing water filters** in household appliances, such as refrigerators and ice makers, as well as home water treatment units and pitchers. Look for NSF 53 certified filters.

6. **Flush after plumbing changes.** Changes to your service line, meter, or interior plumbing may result in sediment, possibly containing lead, in your water supply. Remove the strainers from each faucet and run the water for 3 to 5 minutes.

# What are the **Sources of Contaminants?**

To protect public health, the Environmental Protection Agency prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in tap water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration 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 mean that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by contacting the Environmental Protection Agency by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or visiting the website epa.gov/safewater.

Both tap water and bottled water come from 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. The water can also pick up and transport substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. These substances are also called contaminants.

| **Contaminants are any physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance or matter in water. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:** | |
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| **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 occur naturally in the soil or groundwater or may 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 occur naturally or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. |

# About Your **Drinking Water Supply**

## Where Your Water Comes From

The raw drinking water supply for West Point is obtained from the Popolopen-Queensboro Watershed. The water is of good quality and is considered a soft mountain stream water. The Popolopen Lake Dam, Mine Lake Dam, and Stillwell Lake Dam provide temporary storage for the raw water supply prior to delivery to the Lusk Reservoir via a 20" diameter, 6.3-mile cement lined cast iron pipe originating at the Popolopen Lake intake station. The Lusk Reservoir is the direct raw water supply source for the 4 MGD Lusk Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

## How it's Treated

**Disinfection treatment:** The raw water from the Lusk Reservoir is pre-chlorinated as it enters the Lusk WTP settling basins. A small, final chlorine dosage is applied following rapid sand filtration to replace free chlorine used up in the treatment process and kill any bacteria that may have passed through the filters. A chlorine residual of 0.2-4.0 ppm is required to ensure the final drinking water remains sterilized through the distribution system to the end user's tap. The Lusk WTP maintains an average 2.0 ppm chlorine residual at the point of entry to the distribution system.

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE LUSK DRINKING WATER SYSTEM:

**Communities served:**
Installation zones 1, 2, and 3

**Water source:**
Lusk Reservoir

**Average amount of water supplied to customers on a daily basis:**
1.3 million gallons per day

## For More Information

To learn more about your water supply and local activities, visit us online at https://www.amwater.com/corp/Products-Services/Military-Services/

## Protecting Your Drinking Water Supply

To ensure safe drinking water, all public water systems treat and routinely test their water. Water sources have been rated as reasonably susceptible (high), moderately susceptible (moderate) or slightly susceptible (low) based on geologic factors and human activities in the vicinity of the water source. USMA West Point's source is rated as reasonably susceptible to potential contamination.

## What We're Doing

Our priority is to provide reliable, quality drinking water service for customers. The source of supply is an important part of that mission. We work to understand and reduce potential risks to your drinking water supply. We have evaluated our source waters and have developed Source Water Protection Plans as needed with the support of the New York Department of Health. This is a voluntary program to identify and address potential threats to drinking water supplies. Stakeholder involvement is an important part of the program. **Here are a few of the efforts underway to protect our shared water resources:**

**Community Involvement:** We have a proactive public outreach program to help spread the word and get people involved. This includes school education, contests, and other community activities.

**Environmental Sponsorships:** Each year, we fund projects that improve water resources in our local communities.

## What Can You Do?

Quality drinking water starts upstream. Everyone can help maintain and improve drinking water supplies through the following actions:

- Properly dispose of pharmaceuticals, household chemicals, oils and paints.
- Check for leaks from automobiles and heating fuel tanks. Clean up after your pets and limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Take part in watershed activities.

Report any spills, illegal dumping or suspicious activity to NYS Spill Hotline 1 (800) 457-7362.

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# Every Drop **Counts**

## Six Simple Steps to **Save Water**

**Fix any leaking faucets.**
One drop every 2 seconds from a leaky faucet wastes 2 gallons of water every day. That's water — and money — down the drain.

**Don't let faucets run when brushing, shaving, or washing the dishes.** Just turning off the water while you brush can save 200 gallons a month.

**Run washing machines and dishwashers only when they are full**, or select the properly-sized wash cycle for the current laundry load.

**Install water-saving shower heads and faucet aerators** in the bathroom and kitchen (available at most home improvement stores and some supermarkets).

**Don't wash your car at home.** A car wash uses much less water and often recycles it, too.

**Turn off automatic lawn and garden sprinklers** when it's raining outside and at the end of the growing season.