

**Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2024**  
**Cobblefield/Wellington Estates**  
**7 Albany Street**  
**Cazenovia, New York 13035**  
**Public Water Supply ID# NY261115**

**INTRODUCTION**

To comply with State regulations, the Cobblefield / Wellington Water District, 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.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Bryan Smith, Highway Superintendent at 315-655-4852. We want you to be informed about your drinking water.

**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 Department and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves approximately 120 individuals through 30 service connections. Our water source is a drilled well approximately 60 feet deep which is located off East Road. The water is disinfected with liquid chlorine prior to being distributed to the consumer.

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM:**

The NYS DOH has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become contaminated. See section "Are There Contaminants in our Drinking Water?" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future. The public water supply serving the Cobblefield / Wellington Water District is derived from 1 drilled well.

The source water assessment has rated this well as having a high to very high susceptibility rating for microbials, a very high susceptibility to nitrates, and a medium-high susceptibility to industrial solvents and other industrial contaminants. These ratings are due primarily to the close proximity of on-site septic systems and land use practices (pastures) identified within the assessment area. Based on data provided, the well draws from fractured bedrock and the overlying soils may not provide adequate protection from potential contamination. Please note that, while the source water assessment rates the well as being susceptible to microbials, the water is disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered into your home meets the New York State drinking water standards for microbial contamination.

County and state health departments will use this information to direct source water protection activities in the future. These may include water quality monitoring, resource management, planning, and education programs. If you should have any questions or if you would like to review the Source Water Assessment in our offices please feel free to contact the Madison County Department of Health at 315-366-2526.

## 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, inorganic compounds, nitrate, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below 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 Madison County Health Department at 315-366-2526.

| Table of Detected Contaminants |                  |                |                                  |                     |      |                                  |                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Contaminant                    | Violation Yes/No | Date of Sample | Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range) | Unit of Measurement | MCLG | Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL) | Likely Source of Contamination                                                               |
| Barium                         | N                | 4/18/22        | 149                              | ug/L                | 2000 | 2000                             | Discharge of drilling wastes; erosion of natural deposits                                    |
| Nitrate                        | N                | 11/04/24       | 2.51                             | mg/L                | 10   | 10                               | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits. |

### Disinfection By Products

|                               |   |         |      |      |    |    |                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------|---|---------|------|------|----|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total Trihalo-methanes (TTHM) | N | 8/24/23 | 1.60 | ug/L | NA | 80 | By-product of drinking water chlorination. TTHMS are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter. |
| Total Haloacetic acids (HAA5) | N | 8/5/20  | 21   | ug/L | NA | 60 | By-product of drinking water chlorination. TTHMS are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter. |

### Bacteriological

|                                                  |   |         |          |    |   |                                  |                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|---------|----------|----|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total Coliform Bacteria<br><i>See Footnote 1</i> | N | 10/4/22 | Positive | NA | 0 | TT = 2 or more positive samples. | Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment. |
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### Footnotes:

1 – On October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, a routine sample collected from the pump house tested positive for Total Coliform, negative for E. coli. In response to the positive sample, 3 repeat samples were collected on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from various locations within the distribution system. All 3 repeat samples tested negative for Total Coliform and E. coli.

## Definitions:

**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.

**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.

**NA:** Not Applicable.

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

**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).

## 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. We are required to present the following information on 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. The Cobblefield Wellington Water District 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 Bryan Smith, Highway Superintendent at 315-655-4852. 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>.

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

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. In 2024, our water system operated in general compliance with the 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).

## **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.

## **CLOSING**

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have questions.