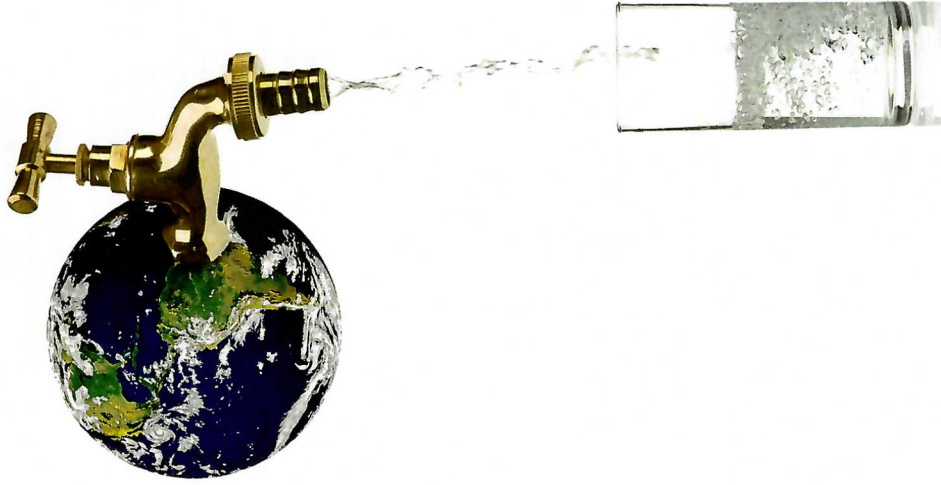


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LAFONTAINE WATER COMPANY QUALITY REPORT 2023

We are very pleased to provide you with this year's ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT. Our goal is to keep you informed and to provide you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. This report is a snapshot of the quality of water that has been provided last year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2022). Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) and state standards.

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT OUR DRINKING WATER MEETS OR EXCEEDS FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS

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 the water poses a health risk. More information about potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA'S SAFE DRINKING WATER HOTLINE (800-426-4791).

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA regulations. The UNITED STATES FOOD and DRUG ADMINISTRATION regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 animal or human activity.

If present, elevated levels of LEAD can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The LaFontaine Water Company is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using for drinking or cooking.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safe-water/lead>

Contaminants that may be present in source water before we treat it include:

- ***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 be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil or gas production, mining or farming.
- ***Pesticides and Herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- ***Radioactive contaminants**, which are naturally-occurring.
- ***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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.

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)**.

Your water comes from two municipal wells located with-in the town limits of LAFONTAINE, drawing from the **Teays Valley Aquifer**. The wells are located in a building and a well head protection plan has been implemented, as an attempt to better protect our water source. Prior to distribution, the water is filtered to remove IRON and DISINFECTED to protect you from microbial contaminants. Testing, by a CERTIFIED LABORATORY, is conducted regularly in order to detect any contamination.