

Water Conservation Tips

Water conservation measures not only save the supply of our water source, but it can also cut the cost of water treatment. They can cut the energy costs at the treatment facility associated with pumping, and also chemical costs for processing of the water. There are a number of measures you as the water consumer can do to conserve on water usage.

Conservation measures you can use inside your home include:

1. Fixing leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc.
2. Installation of water-saving devices in faucets, toilets and appliances. Low flow fixtures are now the only kind produced since 1994. Simply replacing old fixtures with new will reduce water consumption by nearly one-half.
3. Wash only full loads of laundry.
4. Don't use the toilet for trash disposal.
5. Take short showers. Do not let the water run while shaving, washing, brushing teeth, or cleaning fruits and vegetables.
6. Soak dishes before washing, run the dishwasher only when full.

You can conserve outdoors as well:

1. Water the lawn and garden as little as possible. If you must water, do so in the early morning or evening.
2. Use mulch around plants and shrubs or choose plants that don't need much water.
3. Repair leaks in faucets and hoses. Use water saving nozzles.
4. Use water from a bucket to wash your car and save the hose for rinsing.
5. Sweep clipping and leaves from walks and driveways rather than using the hose.
6. Obey any and all water bans or regulations.

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LAFONTAINE WATER COMPANY QUALITY REPORT 2026

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, 2025). 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

To view the lead line inventory follow this link <https://idem.120water-ptd.com/>

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.

Our water system tested a minimum of 1 sample(s) per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth.

Disinfectant	Date	Highest RAA	Unit	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
CHLORINE	2025	1	ppm	0.4 - 1.7	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes

Regulated Contaminants

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR)	Collection Date of HV	Highest Value (HV)	Range of Sampled Result(s)	Unit
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Lead and Copper	Period	90TH Percentile: 90% of your water utility levels were less than	Range of Sampled Results (low - high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2022 - 2024	0.18	0.03 - 0.19	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2022 - 2024	4	0 - 4.2	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	502 E KENDALL (HYDRANT)	2025	6	5.7	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	604 RENNAKER	2025	15	14.7	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	502 E KENDALL (HYDRANT)	2025	48	48	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	604 RENNAKER	2025	49	48.8	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	8/28/2024	0.11	0.11	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	8/28/2024	1.55	1.55	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE-NITRITE	8/15/2025	0.69	0.69	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	8/24/2022	1.6	1.6	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM-228	8/24/2022	1.6	1.6	PCI/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Violations

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

Violation Period	Analyte	Violation Type	Violation Explanation
1/1/2025 - 1/31/2025	E. COLI	REPORT SAMPLE RESULT/FAIL MONITOR RTCR	Failed to provide coliform sample results to the state or provide notification that a monitoring violation occurred

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Deficiencies

Unresolved significant deficiencies that were identified during a survey done on the water system are shown below.

Date Identified	Facility	Code	Activity	Due Date	Description
1/14/2020	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	DS09	SANITARY SURVEY LETTER RESPONSE	2/9/2026	Distribution system is not free from uncontrolled cross connection
1/14/2020	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	DS09	SANITARY SURVEY CORRECTIVE ACTION/PLAN	5/9/2026	Distribution system is not free from uncontrolled cross connection
1/14/2020	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	DS10	SANITARY SURVEY LETTER RESPONSE	2/9/2026	System has greater than 25% water loss
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1/10/2023	TREATMENT PLANT	TR03	SANITARY SURVEY LETTER RESPONSE	2/9/2026	Instrumentation and/or controls not adequate
1/10/2023	TREATMENT PLANT	TR03	SANITARY SURVEY CORRECTIVE ACTION/PLAN	5/9/2026	Instrumentation and/or controls not adequate