

*Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the Year 2017*  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

To comply with State regulations, Town of Clarendon, 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 Larry Swanger, Clarendon Water Superintendent at 585-638-8547. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town of Clarendon board meetings. The meetings are held at the Town Hall, 16385 Church Street, Clarendon, NY on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

## **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's 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 2460 people through 812 service connections in 11 water districts. Our water source is surface water drawn from Lake Ontario, pumped, filtered and treated by the Monroe County Water Authority at the Shoremont Water Treatment Plant, in the Town of Greece prior to distribution. All water is purchased from Monroe County Water Authority and enters the town through a 12" transmission main on Jackson Road. The Town of Clarendon Water Department also adds additional chlorine as necessary to assure a free chlorine residual at all times prior to the water entering our 150,000 gallon elevated storage tank located on RT31A west of the hamlet.

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

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 Orleans County Health Department at (585)589-3252.

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 and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, and synthetic organic compounds. None of the compounds we analyzed for were detected in your drinking water.

### **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.

**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 on back page, our system had **no** violations of contaminants. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

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

During 2017 our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, 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. Immune-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).

### **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. Fluoride is added to your water by the Monroe county water authority before it is delivered to us. According to the United States Centers for Disease Control, fluoride is very effective in preventing cavities when present in drinking water at an optimal level of 0.7 mg/L. To ensure that the fluoride supplement in your water provides optimal dental protection, the State Department of Health requires that Monroe county water authority monitor fluoride levels on a daily basis. During 2017, monitoring showed fluoride levels in your water were in the optimal range 99 % of the time. None of the monitoring results showed fluoride at levels that approach the 2.2 mg/l MCL for fluoride. The highest monitoring result was .93 mg/L well below the 2.2 mg/L MCL for fluoride.

### **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 fire fighting 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. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office at 585-638-8547 if you have questions.

**TOWN OF CLARENDON  
TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS**

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avt/MAX) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT oral)	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>NON ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Lead (1)	No	Sept 2017	0.0018	mg/L	0	AL=.015	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (1)	No	Sept 2017	0.23	mg/L	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
<b>DISINFECTION BY PRODUCTS</b>							
Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	No	1/4 ly	48 38-57	ug/L	NA	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms.
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)	No	1/4 ly	17 2.5-30	ug/L	NA	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Chlorine	No	(Varies)	0.35	mg/l	NA	MIDRL	Added to drinking water to destroy pathogenic organisms and protect water supply from bacterial contamination

1. The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the ten sites tested. A percentile is a value on the 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 lead and copper values detected at your water system. In this case, ten samples were collected at various sites in the distribution system and the 90th percentile value was the ninth highest value. Testing is performed every three years as required by the New York Sstate Department of Health.

## MCWA - Water Quality Table

### Detected Substances

### 2017 results except as noted

Substances	Supply		Shoremont & Webster WTPs		Corfu WTP	Purchased Water		Likely Source	Water Quality Violation	
	Source (Source Type)	Units	MCLG	MCL	Well Field (Groundwater)	Hemlock WTP (Surface Water)	ECWA (Surface Water)			
					Range of detected values					
Barium		mg/L	2	2	0.019 - 0.028	0.1 - 0.16	0.016	0.019 - 0.021	Erosion of natural deposits	No
Chloride		mg/L	NA	250	25 - 68	28 - 65	36 - 38	21 - 24	Naturally occurring	No
Fluoride		mg/L	NA	2.2	0.03 - 0.93	NR	0.07 - 0.78	0.1 - 0.73	Natural and additive - promotes strong teeth	No
Iron		µg/L	NA	300	ND	ND - 38	ND	ND	Naturally occurring	No
Nitrate		mg/L	10	10	ND - 0.39	ND - 0.36	ND - 0.23	0.13 - 0.29	Erosion of natural deposits	No
Sodium		mg/L	NA	NS	15 - 17	29 - 76*	20 - 21	10 - 11	Naturally occurring	No
Sulfate		mg/L	NA	250	26 - 58	28 - 49	12 - 13	20 - 21	Naturally occurring	No
<b>Turbidity</b> - Turbidity is a measure of cloudiness of the water. Turbidity has no health effects. MCWA monitors turbidity because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration systems and water quality. State regulations require that turbidity must always be below 1 NTU in the combined filter effluent. The regulations also require that 95% of samples collected from the entry point have measurements below 0.3 NTU and the monthly average for distribution system samples be below 5 NTU. Averages, ranges and lowest monthly percentages are listed.										
Turbidity - Entry Point		NTU	NA	TT	0.05 (0.01 - 0.08) 100% < 0.3 NTU	NR	0.06 (0.03 - 0.11) 100% < 0.3 NTU	0.09 (0.04 - 0.019) 100% < 0.3 NTU	Soil Runoff	No
Turbidity - Distribution		NTU	NA	5	0.12 - March	0.23 - January	0.12 - March	0.23 - January	Soil Runoff	No
<b>Microbiological</b> - No more than 5% of monthly samples can be positive. The highest monthly % positive and number of samples is listed.										
Total Coliform Bacteria		NA	0	TT	1.3% - August 5 samples	ND	1.3% - August 5 samples	ND	Naturally occurring	No
<b>Disinfectant and Disinfectant By-products (DBPs)</b> - Chlorine has a MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level) and MRDLG (MRDL Goal) rather than an MCL and MCLG (Averages and ranges are listed). For the DBPs (Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids) the annual system average, range for all locations, and highest locational running annual average for all locations are listed.										
Chlorine Residual - Entry Point		mg/L	NA	MRDL = 4	1.15 (0.14 - 1.77) 0.76 (0.29 - 1.01)	0.7 (0.32 - 1.54)	0.93 (0.19 - 1.72)	1.43 (0.56 - 1.86)	Additive for control of microbes	No
Chlorine Residual - Distribution		mg/L	NA	MRDL = 4	0.54 (ND - 2.2)	0.39 (ND - 1.25)	0.54 (ND - 2.2)	0.39 (ND - 1.25)	Additive for control of microbes	No
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)		µg/L	NA	80	41.9 (18 - 88) Max. LRAA = 65.5	47.1 (28 - 63) Max. LRAA = 56.3	41.9 (18 - 88) Max. LRAA = 65.5	47.1 (28 - 63) Max. LRAA = 56.3	Byproduct of water chlorination	No
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)		µg/L	NA	60	10.7 (3 - 30) Max. LRAA = 18.3	9.8 (ND - 24) Max. LRAA = 14.3	10.7 (3 - 30) Max. LRAA = 18.3	9.8 (ND - 24) Max. LRAA = 14.3	Byproduct of water chlorination	No
<b>Lead and Copper</b> - 90% of samples must be less than the Action Level (AL). The 90th Percentile, the number of samples exceeding the AL, and the range of results are listed.										
Copper - Customer Tap Samples		mg/L	1.3	AL = 1.3	0.094 (None) 0.005 - 0.500 (2015)	0.119 (None) 0.007 - 0.550 (2015)	0.094 (None) 0.005 - 0.500 (2015)	0.119 (None) 0.007 - 0.550 (2015)	Corrosion of household plumbing	No
Lead - Customer Tap Samples		µg/L	0	AL = 15	12 (Four) ND - 63 (2015)	1.8 (None) ND - 3.8 (2015)	12 (Four) ND - 63 (2015)	1.8 (None) ND - 3.8 (2015)	Corrosion of household plumbing	No
<b>Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring (UCMR3)</b> - Every few years the USEPA issues a new list of up to 30 unregulated contaminants for which public water systems must monitor. This provides baseline occurrence data that the EPA combines with toxicological research to make decisions about future drinking water regulations. MCWA completed monitoring for the third list (UCMR 3) in 2014. For more information on this process go to <a href="http://www.drinktap.org/home/water-information/water-quality/ucmr3.aspx">www.drinktap.org/home/water-information/water-quality/ucmr3.aspx</a> .										
Supply (Source)	Units	MCL	Shoremont WTP (Lake Ontario)		Corfu WTP (Well field)		Purchased Water ECWA			
			At Entry Point to System	At End of System	At Entry Point to System	At End of System	At Entry Point to MCWA System			
Chromium (total)	µg/L	100	ND-0.23 (2014)	ND-0.44 (2014)	ND-0.2 (2014)	ND-0.22 (2014)	ND-0.26 (2014)			
Molybdenum	µg/L	NS	1.2-1.3 (2014)	ND-1.3 (2014)	ND (2014)	ND (2014)	1.0-1.2 (2014)			
Strontium	µg/L	NS	160-190 (2014)	130-210 (2014)	120-260 (2014)	150-240 (2014)	130-170 (2014)			
Vanadium	µg/L	NS	ND-0.2 (2014)	0.24-0.50 (2014)	ND (2014)	ND-0.2 (2014)	ND-0.2 (2014)			
Chromium-6	µg/L	100	0.074-0.085 (2014)	0.16-0.24 (2014)	ND (2014)	ND-0.061 (2014)	0.065-0.090 (2014)			
Chlorate	µg/L	NS	ND-130 (2014)	120-350 (2014)	43-270 (2014)	40-140 (2014)	ND (2014)			
Chloromethane	µg/L	5 (NYS)	ND (2014)	ND (2014)	ND-0.023 (2014)	ND (2014)	ND (2014)			
*There is no MCL set for sodium in water. However, EPA has recommended that water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.										

### **Key Terms Used In Water Quality Table**

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**LRAA** = Locational Running Annual Average - The annual average contaminant concentration at a monitoring site.

**pCi/L** = picoCuries per liter

**TT** = Treatment Technique, a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**AL** = Action Level, the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**ND** = Not Detected, absent or present at less than testing method detection level. All testing methods are EPA approved with detection limits much less than the MCL.

**NA** = Not applicable **NR** = Not Required **NS** = No standard

**mg/l** = milligram (1/1,000 of a gram) per liter = ppm = parts per million

**ug/l** = microgram (1/1,000,000 of a gram) per liter = ppb = parts per billion

**ng/L** = nanogram (1/1,000,000,000 of a gram) per liter = ppt = parts per trillion

**NTU** = Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, a measure of water clarity.

**Note:** The following contaminants were tested for but not found: 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethene, 1,1-Dichloropropene, EDB, 1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene, 1,2,3-Trichloropropane, 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene, 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene, 1,2-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,2-Dichloroethene (Trans), 1,2-Dichloropropane, 1,3-Butadiene, 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene, 1,3-Dichlorobenzene, 1,3-Dichloropropane, 1,3-Dichloropropene(Cis), 1,3-Dichloropropene(Trans), 1,3-dinitrobenzene, 1,4-Dioxane, 1,4-Dichlorobenzene, 2,2-Dichloropropane, Dioxin, 2,4 D, 2-4-5 TP, 2-Chlorotoluene, 3-Hydroxycarbofuran, 4,4'-DDD, 4,4'-DDE, 4,4'-DDT, 4-Chlorotoluene, Acetochlor, Alachlor, Aldicarb Sulfone, Aldicarb Sulfoxide, Aldrin, Androstene, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Atrazine, Benzene, Benzo(a)pyrene, Beryllium, Bromobenzene, Bromochloromethane, Bromomethane, Butachlor, Cadmium, Carbaryl, Carbofuran, Carbon Tetrachloride, Chlordane, Chlorobenzene, Chloroethane, Chlorodifluoromethane, Chloromethane, cis-1,2-Dichloroethene, Cobalt, Cryptosporidium, Cyanide, Dacthal, Dalapon, DBCP, DCPA, Mono & Di-Acid Degradate, Di(2-Ethylhexyl) Adipate, Di(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate, Dibromomethane, Dicamba, Dichlorodifluoromethane, Dichloromethane, Dieldrin, Dinoseb, Dioxin, Diquat, Endothall, Endrin, Equilin, Estradiol, Estriol, Estrone, Ethylbenzene, Ethynylestradiol, Glyphosate, Gross Alpha, Gross Beta, Heptachlor, Heptachlorepoxyde, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorobutadiene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Iron, Isophorone, Isopropyl Benzene, Lindane, Mercury, Methomyl, Methoxychlor, Metolachlor, Metribuzin, MTBE, n-Butylbenzene, Nickel, Nitrite, n-Propylbenzene, Oxamyl, Paraquat, PCB's, Pentachlorophenol, Perchlorate, PFBS, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA, PFOA, PFOS, Pichloram, p-Isopropyltoluene, Propachlor, Radium 226/228, sec-Butylbenzene, Selenium, Silver, Simazine, Styrene, Surfactants, tert-Butylbenzene, Testosterone, Tetrachloroethene, Thallium, Toluene, Toxaphene, trans-1,2-Dichloroethene, Trichloroethene, Trichlorofluoromethane, Uranium, Vinyl Chloride, Xylene, Zinc

For more information on MCWA's monitoring program call Customer Service at 585-442-7200.