

# City of Dayton Department of Water 2018 Water Quality Report

*We are proud to report that the City of Dayton complied with all MCL\* standards for drinking water during 2017.*  
The following results summarize thousands of tests performed in 2017

2017 Report			Miami Plant				Ottawa Plant				Sources of Contaminants
Regulated Substance	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	Ideal Goals (MCLG)	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Year Sampled	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Year Sampled	
<b>Regulated at the Treatment Plant</b>											
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.94	0.8-1.09	No	2017	0.95	0.41-1.10	No	2017	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	1.05	0.11-1.05	No	2017	1.63	0.86-1.63	No	2017	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tank, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	TT = 1	N/A	0.08	0.03-0.08	No	2017	0.08	0.02-0.08	No	2017	Lime softening residuals; Soil runoff.
	TT: ≥ 95% must be ≤ 0.3		100% < 0.3 <sup>1</sup>				100% < 0.3 <sup>1</sup>				
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (ppm)	TT	N/A	0.62 <sup>2</sup>	0.49-0.78	No	2017	0.52 <sup>2</sup>	0.36-0.64	No	2017	Naturally present in the environment
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.050	N/A	No	2017	0.036	N/A	No	2017	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural of deposits
<b>Regulated at the Customer's Tap</b>											
Lead (ppb)	AL = 15	0	4.8	No samples >AL ND – 13.9	No	2017	4.8	No samples >AL ND – 13.9	No	2017	Corrosion of household plumbing materials; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL = 1.3	1.3	0.042	No samples >AL ND – 0.82	No	2017	0.042	No samples >AL ND – 0.82	No	2017	
<i>90% of samples were less than 4.8 ppb for lead and less than 0.042 ppm for copper. Lead and copper were not detected in most of the water samples. Results from samples collected in 2017.</i>											
<b>Regulated in the Distribution System</b>											
Trihalomethanes (THMs) (ppb)	80 <sup>3</sup>	0	34.65 <sup>3</sup>	16.64-38.07	No	2017	34.65 <sup>3</sup>	16.64-38.07	No	2017	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) (ppb)	60 <sup>3</sup>	N/A	7.33 <sup>3</sup>	ND-8.63	No	2017	7.33 <sup>3</sup>	ND-8.63	No	2017	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL = 4	MRDLG=4	1.12 <sup>4</sup>	0.28-1.94	No	2017	1.12 <sup>4</sup>	0.28-1.94	No	2017	Water additive used to control microbes
Coliform Bacteria (% positive/month)	5%	0	2.9% <sup>5</sup>		No	2017	2.9% <sup>5</sup>		No	2017	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Unregulated Compounds – concentration in ppb &amp; ppm (average and range are shown for water plant effluent samples)</b>											
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	N/A	N/A	1.55	1.21-1.84	N/A	2017	1.30	1.09-1.56	N/A	2017	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Bromoform (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND-0.53	N/A	2017	ND	ND-0.57	N/A	2017	
Chloroform (ppb)	N/A	N/A	0.88	0.52-1.32	N/A	2017	0.943	0.72-1.14	N/A	2017	
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	N/A	N/A	1.40	0.83-1.73	N/A	2017	1.32	1.00-1.61	N/A	2017	

- Dayton complied with requirements for every month in 2017. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water and is an indication of the effectiveness of our filtration system. The turbidity limit set by the EPA is 0.3 NTU in 95% of the daily samples and shall not exceed 1 NTU at any time. As reported above, the City of Dayton's highest recorded turbidity result for 2017 at Miami Plant was 0.08 NTU and lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits was 100%, and at Ottawa Treatment Plant was 0.08 NTU and lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits was 100%.
  - Dayton complied with alternate compliance criteria for TOC regulations under the D/DBP Rule. The level reported is "average".
  - Highest running annual average.
  - Highest running quarterly average
  - In 2017 five distribution samples were positive for coliform bacteria. There were 1,522 samples analyzed.
- \*MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level – 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.

MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal – 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.

NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units (measure of "cloudiness")

MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level – 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.

MRDLG = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal. The level of 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.

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 for a water system.

pCi/l = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity) ppm = parts per million ppb = parts per billion

N/A = Not applicable ≤ = less than or equal to ≥ = greater than or equal to > = greater than < = less than

ND = Not detected

*City of Dayton Department of Water has a current unconditioned license to operate our public water system.*

The **Source** of Dayton’s drinking water is the Miami Valley Buried Aquifer. This Aquifer is a large underground area of water-bearing sand and gravel deposits. This groundwater is influenced by surface water. 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 activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water 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 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 byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 that water poses a health risk. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which shall provide the same protection for public health. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**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/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).

**Lead Information**

“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 City of Dayton 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 thirty seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. A list of laboratories certified in the State of Ohio to test for lead may be found at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw> or by calling 614-644-2752. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.” **Paint chips and other exposures are significant sources of lead exposure. Lead was not detected in most of the samples collected at City of Dayton homes. Call 937-333-6093 for details.**

**Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring**

In 2014 and 2015 the City of Dayton participated in UCMR3 which required monitoring for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs). This monitoring revealed no detections of PFASs above the health advisory limit. In April 2016, the city proactively decided to discontinue use of production wells located near the Tait’s Hill area, due to suspected of contamination at Dayton’s Fire Training Center. The City of Dayton also started a monitoring program for PFAS and no detections at or above the health advisory limit of 70 ppt were found in finished drinking water, however some detections were made in the monitoring wells located in the Tait’s Hill and Huffman Dam areas of the Mad River Wellfield. In 2017 the City of Dayton complied with all of Ohio EPAs requests for sampling for PFAS. We continued to proactively sample the monitoring wells installed that have PFAS detections and monitor our finished water that is supplied to all our consumers. No finished water detections for PFAS occurred in 2017. The City of Dayton is committed to maintaining a safe drinking water supply and continues to work with Ohio EPA to address new and emerging contaminants. Monitoring will continue in 2018 for PFAS.

**Source Water Assessment**

The Ohio EPA conducted a source water assessment of Dayton’s water source. The assessment concluded that the aquifer supplying water to the City of Dayton’s well fields has a high susceptibility to contamination. This determination is based on: the influence of surface water recharge to the aquifer; the presence of a relatively thin protective layer of clay overlying the aquifer; the shallow depth of the aquifer; contaminant plumes in Dayton’s well field protection area; the presence of significant potential contaminant sources in the protection area; and the presence of contaminants in treated water. More information about the source water assessment or what consumers can do to help protect the aquifer is available by calling the Division of Environmental Management at (937) 333-3725.

**Groundwater Protection**

In 1985 the Water Department began development of a Well Field Protection Program to counter threats to groundwater quality. This program includes land use control zoning, treatment of contaminated groundwater, early warning monitoring wells, and emergency preparedness. Dayton’s Well Field Protection Program won an award from the American Water Works Association and was the first program approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The Groundwater Foundation has also designated Dayton as a Groundwater Guardian community. Dayton encourages environmentally friendly, economic development projects in its groundwater protection areas.

**For More Information**

In 2017, Dayton treated and pumped approximately 23.7 billion gallons to over 400,000 area citizens. City of Dayton citizens can participate in decisions about water quality by attending City Commission meetings and Environmental Advisory Board meetings. Call the Water Department Administration Office at 333-3734 for meeting dates and times. For more information on water quality: City of Dayton Water Dept., 3210 Chuck Wagner Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45414 or call 937-333-6093.