

# UNIONVILLE WATER DEPARTMENT WATER QUALITY REPORT 2015

This report covers the drinking water quality for Unionville Water Department, for the calendar year 2015. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2015. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from three groundwater wells, two located at 2555 Bay-City Forestville Road, the third located at 2945 Phelps Street. The DEQ has performed a Source Water Assessment report on the Unionville Water Department. We will inform you on how to get a copy of the assessment report later in this publication.

**Contaminants and their presence in water:** 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. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

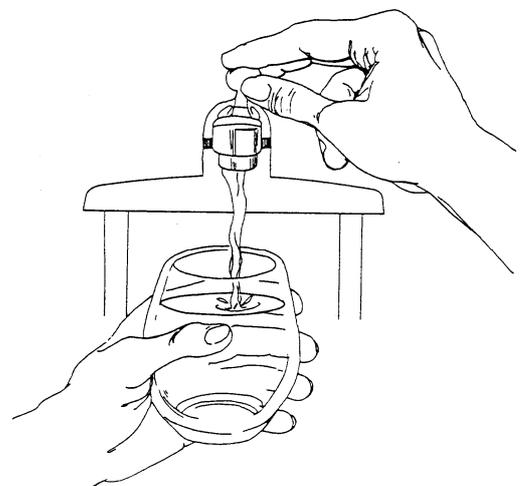
- **Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems 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).

- **Sources of Drinking Water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from 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 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 stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

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. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.



## Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2015 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2015. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

**Terms and abbreviations used below:**

- **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 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 using the best available treatment technology.
- **N/A:** Not applicable **ND:** not detectable at testing limit **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter **ppm:** parts per million **mg/l:** milligrams per liter **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).
- **Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Our Water	Range of Detections	Sample Date (If not in '00)	Violation Y / N	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride	4 ppm	4 ppm	1.2 ppm	N/A	03/31/2015	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Unregulated Contaminant</b>							
Sodium	N/A	N/A	78 ppm	N/A	03/31/2015	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant	Action Level	Our Water *	Number of Samples Over Action Level
Lead	15 ppb	3ppb	0 of 10
Copper	1300 ppb	70ppb	0 of 10

\* 90 percent of samples at or below this level

Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

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. UNIONVILLE WATER DEPARTMENT 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 water 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 at 800-426-4791 or online at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?** The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2015.

Your water comes from 3 ground wells, each over 180 feet in depth drawing from an aquifer of sandstone bedrock. The State performed an assessment of our source water for wells 1 and 2 in 2005 and well 3 in 2008 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from “very low” to “very high” based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our sources are Well # 1 **MODERATE**, Well #2 **MODERATE**, Well #3 **LOW**.

We are committed to providing you safe, reliable, and healthy water. We are pleased to provide you with this information to keep you fully informed about your water. We will be updating this report annually, and will also keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Village council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Hall located at 6454 Merry Street Unionville, Michigan 48767.

**For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact the Unionville Water Department at Telephone (989) 674-2244 or online [www.unionvillemi.us](http://www.unionvillemi.us).**

This report will be mailed to all Unionville water customers with the April 2016 water bill. The DEQ Source Water Assessment report will not be mailed to each customer however, it is available for viewing at the Village Hall, 6454 Merry St. Unionville, MI 48767.