

**Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2012**  
**Village of Fishkill**  
**1095 Main Street, Fishkill, New York 12524**  
**(Public Water Supply ID# 1302765)**

**INTRODUCTION**

To comply with State regulations, Village of Fishkill 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. Once again 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. 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 Dave Morrison, Water Superintendent, 845-896-8070. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled village board meetings held the third (3rd) Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. The meeting place is a Van Wyck Hall located at 1095 Main Street in Fishkill.

**WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?**

Generally, 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, naturally occurring 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, herbicides, organic chemical contaminants, and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, New York State and the USEPA prescribe regulations which limit the concentration 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 source consists of eight groundwater wells located on twelve acres of land, which are located in the Town of Fishkill. The wells range in depth from 84 feet to 240 feet. The water is disinfected with sodium hypochlorite prior to distribution to the system.

The NYS Dept. of Health has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become contaminated. See sections "[Are there contaminants in our drinking water?](#)" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected, if any. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

The source water assessment has rated our water source as having an elevated susceptibility to microbial and nitrate contamination. These ratings are due primarily to the close proximity of the wells to permitted discharge facilities (industrial/commercial facilities that discharge wastewater into the environment and are regulated by the state and/or federal government) and the related activities in the assessment area. In addition, the wells draw from fractured bedrock and the overlying sand & gravel soils may not provide adequate protection from potential contamination.

The county and state health departments will use this information to direct future source water protection activities. These may include water quality monitoring, resource management, and planning and education programs. A copy of the assessment can be obtained by contacting us, as noted below.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Our water system serves 1,197 village service connections combined with the out of Village users for an approximate total population of 11,289 people. The total amount of water produced in 2012 was 588,433,000 gallons. The daily average of water treated and pumped into the distribution system was 1,612,145 gallons per day. Our highest single day for a 24 hr period was 2,495,000 gallons on March 24, 2012. It should be noted through 2012 a number of unsurfaced serious water main leaks were discovered and repaired greatly reducing the demand.



<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, OR AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Iron	N	12/19/12	5.0	ppb	NA	300	Naturally occurring
Lead (1)	N	7/27/10 7/28/10 9/22/10	<0.5 – 12.6 Range 1.7 Avg. 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile 3.3	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	N	7/27/10 7/28/10 9/22/10	.004 – 0.92 Range .042 Avg. 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile .065	ppm	0	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate	N	12/19/12	0.24	ppm	10	ppm	Fertilizer run off. Septic tank leachate.
Manganese	N	12/19/12	50.0	ppb	NA	MCL = 300.	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	N	7/21/10	56.9	ppb	2000	2000	Discharge of drilling waste; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium (3)	N	3/28/12 6/27/12 9/27/12 12/19/12	29.0 34.0 64.1 30.9	ppm ppm ppm ppm	0	No Limit	Naturally occurring and road salt contamination.
Zinc	N	12/15/10	5	ppb	5000	MCL = 5000.0	Naturally occurring, mining waste.
Nickel	N	7/21/10	2.2	ppb	N/A	100	Discharge from steel /metal factories
Chloride	N	3/28/12 6/27/12 9/27/12 12/19/12	61.1 71.2 105.0 50.2	ppm	250.0	MCL = 250	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination
Sulfate	N	12/15/10	19.7	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally present in source water.
Arsenic	N	7/21/10	1.2	ppb	N/A	10	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes

**Notes:**

1 – The level presented represents the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the 20 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 20 samples were collected at your water system and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value was 3.0,ppb the highest value was 8.0 ppb, the second highest was 5.0 ppb.

**Advisory:** Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

We are required to present the following information on lead in drinking water. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. The Village of Fishkill is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but can not 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 the 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

3 – 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.

### **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.

**Action Level (AL)**: The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

**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, our system had no violations. 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 2012, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring 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. 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 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).

### **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.
- ◆ Use your water meter to detect hidden leaks. Simply turn off all taps and water using appliances, then check the meter after 15 minutes, if it moved, you have a leak.

#### **SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

The upgraded water treatment facility was put into service 6/2010 which included the start up of a new source of supply, well #11, the new facility provides for an automated operation, the water storage tank level is monitored and through a radio signal the necessary water sources are operated to fill the tank. There is continuous monitoring of the disinfection process, which increases and decreases the level of disinfectant added based on the residual chlorine level within the system. High and low chlorine levels will send an alarm to the operating staff; low and high storage level is also monitored and alarmed as well. The production potential of the system was doubled with the addition of well #11. Due to approval delays the water main improvements for Rt-9 south of Clove Rd. was moved to the summer of 2013 when the Village will be replacing the 10" cast iron water main from Clove Rd south to the Putnam Co. line; this 100-year-old section of main has been a source for multiple water main breaks in the past; with this replacement the number of dirty water issues should be greatly reduced as will water loss volumes. Work is scheduled to begin late summer 2013. A new 2 MG storage tank is continuing through the design and planning phase. A new generator has been installed December of 2012, this will provide an improvement for the customers of Round Hill as all residences in Round Hill will be supplied full pressure during power outages. Once again the Village has performed its semiannual flushing during day light hours reducing over time costs and providing for a more efficient system wide flushing. Dirty water issues during 2012 were much less frequent with the addition of well #11 the system now has adequate volume and pressure to insure system flushing is more effective then in past years, well #11 added 1,200 GPM to the overall capacity.

#### **CLOSING**

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have questions.