

VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN – 2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Source of Drinking Water
GERMANTOWN IL0270350

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2024

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by GERMANTOWN is Purchased Surface Water

For more information regarding this report contact: Name STEVE MULLINS Phone 618-523-4291

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Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
CC 02-WATER PURCHASED FROM BREESE FF IL0270250 TP01 WELL 2 (60086) 100 FT W/NW CORNER	SW GW	_____ _____	Intersection of Highline Road and Germantown Rd. 230 ft. north of intersection of Main St. and Leo St., south railroad tracks
WELL 3 (60087) 230 FT W/NW CORNER	GW	_____	Northeast corner of intersection of West St. and Leo St. south of railroad tracks
WELL 4 (60088) 250 FT W OF WEST ST S OF	GW	_____	272 ft. west of intersection of West St. and Leo St. south of railroad tracks
WELL 5 (01755) WELL 5 AND WATER MAIN	GW	_____	Approximately 1932 ft. east of intersection of Old Carlyle Rd. and Drive In Rd.

Source of Water: GERMANTOWN Illinois. The Illinois EPA considers Germantown’s source water to be susceptible to IOC, VOC, and SOC contamination. This determination was made primarily based on the identification of potential sources and routes of contamination, land-use activities around the wells, available hydrogeological data, and monitoring results. Material reviewed included the Well Site Survey Report, published in 1989. During the surveys of the source water protection area, eight potential sources, routes, or possible problem sites were identified within the 400 foot minimum setback zones, the 1,000 foot Phase I Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPA), and the Phase II WHPA. Two additional sites are outside of the Phase II WHPA. Source of Water: BREESE Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems, hence, the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Mandatory treatment includes coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. In addition, agricultural runoff within the Middle Kaskaskia River Basin contributes to the susceptibility of the Breese intakes.

**GERMANTOWN
2024 Regulated Contaminants Detected**

Lead and Copper

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Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Copper Range: 51 to 324 Lead Range: 0 to 0

To obtain a copy of the system’s lead tap sampling data: Steve Mullins 618-523-4291

Circle one: Our Community Water Supply has developed a service line material inventory. To obtain a copy of the system’s service line inventory: Steve Mullins at 618-523-4291

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violations	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2024	1.3	1.3	0.314	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:

Avg:

Level 1 Assessment:

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Maximum residual disinfectant level or 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.

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mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2024	0.7	0.27-0.85	MRDLG = 4	MRDLG = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2024	7	1.6-11.2	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2024	43	28-60.3	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	01/19/21	0.57	0.57-0.57	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	01/19/21	0.0384	0.0384-0.384	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	01/19/21	0.59	0.59-0.59	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Manganese	01/19/21	78.6	78.6-78.6	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.

Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] – Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.	1/10/2023	5.8	5.8-5.8	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	01/19/21	5.63	5.63-5.63	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	01/19/21	84100	84100-84100			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2/15/2022	2.29	2.29-2.29	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

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Type of Water Report Status Location

INTAKE (01779) NEW SHOAL CREEK RAW WATER INTAKE SW Active Approximately 1150' South of the Rt. 50 Bridge over Shoal Creek

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Turbidity

	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Highest single measurement	0.5 NTU	0.093 NTU	N	Soil runoff.
Lowest monthly % meeting limit	0.2 NTU	100%	N	Soil runoff.

Information Statement: Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

Total Organic Carbon

The percentage of Total Organic carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.

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Monitoring Violations Annual Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Germantown

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 10/1/23-12/31/23 we did not complete all monitoring/testing for disinfection by products (DBP's) and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. A lab issue delayed the results but all monitoring/testing was ultimately done.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. Sampling was completed per IEPA instructions.

Monitoring Violations Annual Notice

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the time period, how often we are supposed to sample for DBP's, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Disinfection by products (chlorine)	2 times/year	4	10/1/23-12/31/23	2/2024
E. Coli	Monthly	4	12/1/23-12/31/23	1/2024

What happened? What is being done?

Sampling was completed in the first quarter of 2024 per IEPA instructions.

For more information, please contact Steve Mullins at 618-523-4291.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Germantown.

Water System ID#

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Date distributed

5/10/25