

# NEW LEXINGTON DRINKING WATER REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 2022

## **Drinking water information.**

The Village of New Lexington has prepared the following report to provide information to you, the consumer, on the quality of our drinking water. Included within this report is general health information, water quality test results, how to participate in decisions concerning your drinking water and water system contacts.

## **What's the Source of your drinking water?**

The Village of New Lexington water system uses surface water drawn from New Lexington Reservoir and Rush Creek Reservoir Site 1B. Both of these surface water sources are utilized and require extensive treatment prior to being used for drinking water.

For the purposes of source water assessments, in Ohio all surface waters are considered to be susceptible to contamination. By their nature, surface waters are readily accessible and can be contaminated by chemicals and pathogens which may rapidly arrive at the public drinking water intake with little warning or time to prepare. The Village of New Lexington's drinking water source protection area contains the following potential contaminant sources, including runoff from truck storage, auto repair, and salvage areas, agricultural runoff, oil and gas wells, abandoned mines, and vehicular accidents near stream crossings. The Village of New Lexington public water system treats the water to meet drinking water quality standards, but no single treatment technique can address all potential contaminants. The potential for water quality impacts can be further decreased by implementing measures to protect the New Lexington and Rush Creek Reservoirs. More detailed information is provided in the Village of New Lexington's Drinking Water Source Assessment report, which can be obtained by calling Richard E. Kleinert Jr., Superintendent at (740) 342-3263.

## **What are sources of contamination to drinking 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: (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife; (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; (D) 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems; (E) radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791).

### Who needs to take special precautions?

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 infection. 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).

### About your drinking water.

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The Village of New Lexington conducted sampling for bacteria, inorganic, radiological, synthetic organic, and volatile organic contaminant sampling during 2022. Samples were collected for over 80 different contaminants most of which were not detected in the Village of New Lexington water supply. The Ohio EPA requires us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, are more than one year old.

Listed below is information on those contaminants that were found in the New Lexington drinking water.

Contaminants (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminants
Microbiological (no bacteria detects in 2017)							
Turbidity (NTU)	NA	TT	0.16	0.06 - 0.16		2022	Soil runoff
Turbidity % samples meeting standard	NA	TT	100%	100%	NO	2022	Soil runoff
Total Organic Carbon	NA	TT	1.1	1.1 - 2.7		2022	Naturally present in the environment
Inorganic Contaminants							
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.24	0.93 - 1.24	NO	2022	Water additive which promotes strong teeth.; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	0	<2.0-6.2	NO	2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	.052	<10-.28	NO	2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	.34	<0.1 – .34	NO	2022	Runoff from fertilizer use; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.015	0.015 – 0.015	NO	2022	Discharge of drilling waste; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contaminants							
TTHMs (ppb) (Total Trihalomethane)	NA	80	73.9	22.0 – 109.3	NO	2022	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	NA	60	23.8	7.9 – 34.7	NO	2022	
Residual Disinfectants							
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL G = 4	MRDL = 4	2.0	1.1 – 2.0	NO	2022	Water additive used to control microbes.

### Turbidity Language

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 on the table, the Village of New Lexington's highest recorded turbidity result for 2022 was 0.16 NTU and lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits was 100%. The standard allows no more than 5 percent of samples to exceed 0.3 turbidity units per month. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

**TOC Language**

The value reported under “Level Found” for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) is the lowest ratio between the percentage of TOC actually removed to the percentage of TOC required to be removed. A value of greater than one (1) indicates that the water system is in compliance with TOC removal requirements. A value of less than one (1) indicates a violation of the TOC removal requirements.

**Copper Language**

0 samples exceeded the copper action level of 1.3ppm in 2022. Copper is tested every six months.

**Lead Language**

0 samples exceeded the lead action level of 15ppb in 2022. Lead is tested every six months.

**Lead Educational 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 Village of New Lexington Water System 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 letting 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 at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**License to Operate (LTO) Status Information**

We have a current, unconditioned licensed operator water system.

**How do I participate in decisions concerning my drinking water?**

Public participation and comment are encouraged at regular meetings of Village Council which meets every first and third Monday of each month. Please contact the Village Administration office at (740) 342-1633 for the time and location of Village Council meetings.

**For more information** on your drinking water contact Richard E. Kleinert Jr., Superintendent at (740) 342-3263.

**Definitions of some terms contained within this report.**

**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 contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Parts Per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)** are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days.

**Parts Per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter (µg/L)** are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in 31.7 years.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** 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.

**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 (MRDL):** The highest residual disinfectant level allowed.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of residual disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

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.

The “<” symbol: A symbol which means less than. A result of < 5 means that the lowest level that could be detected was 5 and the contaminant in that sample was not detected.

### **\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\***

**Recent corrections have been made for the 2021 Drinking Water Report.**

**They are as follows:**

Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	1.1	<2.0-8.0	NO	2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	.043	<10-.19	NO	2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

# DRINKING WATER NOTICE

## Monitoring requirements not met for New Lexington

*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 the June 1 — September 30, 2021, time period we did not monitor for the lead and copper and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.*

### What Should I Do?

This notice is to inform you that New Lexington did not monitor and report results for the presence of lead and copper in the public drinking water system during the June 1 — September 30, 2021, time period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. You do not need to take any actions in response to this notice.

### What Is Being Done?

Upon being notified of this violation, the water supply was required to resume sampling for lead and copper every six months until it is determined by Ohio EPA that the system can return to annual sampling. The water supplier will take steps to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting New Lexington at:

Contact Person: Richard Kleinert

Phone Number: (740) 342-3263

Mailing Address: 215 S. Main St New Lexington, OH 43764

*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.*

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# DRINKING WATER NOTICE

## Microcystins monitoring requirements not met for New Lexington water system

*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 the week of September 19, 2021 - October 2, 2021 we did not monitor for microcystins and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.*

### What Should I Do?

This notice is to inform you that New Lexington public water system did not monitor, and report results for the presence of microcystins in the public drinking water system during the week of September 19, 2021 -October 2, 2021 monitoring period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. You do not need to take any action in response to this notice.

### What is being done?

Upon being notified of this violation, the water supply was required to have the drinking water analyzed for total microcystins according to their current monitoring schedule. The water supplier will take steps to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future.

A sample was (will be) collected on 10/12/2021

Sample results and additional information may be obtained by contacting New Lexington at:

Contact Person: Richard Kleinert

Phone Number: (740) 342-3263

Mailing Address: 215 S. Main St. New Lexington, OH 43764

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Tier 3: Monitoring Violation Notice