

2021 Water Quality Report for the City of Gladstone

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This report covers the drinking water quality for The City of Gladstone for the 2021 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2021. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

The residents of Gladstone get their drinking water from Little Bay de Noc in Lake Michigan. The water is pumped into the City's water treatment plant. A chemical called polyaluminum chloride is added to the water to help remove color and particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. This allows particles to clump together and settle out in the clarifiers. A chemical called polymer is added to aid the polyaluminum chloride in this process. The water then passes through Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) capped sand filters to remove more particles and organic compounds. Fluoride is added to the water daily to prevent tooth decay and cavities. Orthophosphate is added to prevent the leaching of lead and copper from plumbing and fixtures. Chlorine is added at various stages in the treatment process to kill harmful bacteria. The State of Michigan completed our source water assessment in 2003. The assessment was to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination of our source water. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale from "very-low" to "high" based on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our source was determined to be "moderately high". If you would like more information on this report, please call the Water Treatment Plant at 906-428-3460 or e-mail us at rspreitzer@gladstonemi.org.

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 U.S. 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. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control 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).

Gladstone's drinking water comes from Little Bay de Noc. In addition to naturally occurring minerals in the bay, erosion of the lake and connecting riverbanks and runoff from animal or human activity on the shore can cause contaminants to be present in the bay.

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 can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **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, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal 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 2020 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 through December 31, 2020. 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 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.
- **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 Goal (MRDLG)**: The level of a 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.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)**: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **N/A**: Not applicable
- **ND**: not detectable at testing limit
- **ppm**: parts per million or milligrams per liter
- **ppb**: parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- **ppt**: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- **NTU**: Nephelometric Turbidity Units
- **Action Level (AL)**: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.62	N/A	2021	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Chlorine[1] (ppm) Total	4	4	0.9	0.9-1.3	2021	NO	Water additive used to control microbes
Nitrate Nitrogen (ppm)	10	10	0.17	N/A	2021	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	23	8.4-61	2021	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	7	1.5-16	2021	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	TT	N/A	66.4%	45.2%-91.2%	2021	NO	Naturally present in the environment
Sulfate[2] (ppm)	N/A	N/A	19	N/A	2021	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium[3] (ppm)	N/A	N/A	7.7	N/A	2021	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Chloride[4] (ppm)	N/A	N/A	16	N/A	2021	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity[5] (NTU)	TT ≤ 1.0 NTU TT ≤ 3.0 (For ≥95% of samples)	N/A	Annual Avg.= 0.04 NTU	0.02-0.10 NTU	2021	NO	Soil Runoff
Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) [6]							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	<2.0	N/A	2021	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	<2.0	N/A	2021	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water[7]	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL[8]	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	0	0-0	July-Aug 2021	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.0-0.1	July-Aug 2021	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

[1] The Chlorine "Level Detected" was calculated using a running annual average.

[2] Sulfate is not a regulated contaminant.

[3] Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

[4] Chloride is not a regulated contaminant.

[5] Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it as an indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

[6] PFAS analyzed Quarterly

[7] Ninety (90) percent of samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

[8] Zero of our 40 samples tested from 20 sites were above the Action Levels for Lead & Copper.

Information about lead: 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 Gladstone 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 have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Our water supply has 271 Galvanized service lines and 117 service lines of unknown material, that maybe connected to lead. This is 388 lines that need to be replaced out of the 2178 service lines in the system. These Galvanized and unknown service lines may be connected to or previously connected to a lead gooseneck. The City of Gladstone has no complete lead service lines, but we do have galvanized service lines connected to a small 1 to 2 foot long piece of lead called a “gooseneck”. The presence of a gooseneck defines the service line as a lead service line. If you would like information regarding the material of your service line, please call the Water Treatment Plant at 428-3460.

City of Gladstone Service Material Inventory			
	Copper		1671
	Plastic		30
	Ductile Iron Pipe		25
	Galv Serv/ Cu lat		58
	Unknown Serv/Cu lat		6
Possible lead gooseneck	Galv Service unknown lateral	271	
Possible lead gooseneck	Unknown Service & lateral	117	
	Total of All Services		2178
	Total Possible lead goosenecks	388	
	% of Lines That need replacement	17.8%	

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2020.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at City Hall 1100 Delta Avenue.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. City Commission meetings take place the 2nd and 4th Monday each month at 6pm at City Hall 1100 Delta Avenue. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

If you would like more information about your water, please contact:

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