

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the Year 2023
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Public Water Supply Identification Number NY5503367

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State and Federal regulations, the Glasco Water District, will be issuing an annual 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. Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system has never violated a maximum contaminant level. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. 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 the Glasco Water District at (845) 246-8671. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town board meetings held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:00pm. The meetings are held at the Senior citizen complex located on 207 Market Street in the Village of Saugerties.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, 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 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 and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount 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 is surface water drawn from the Blue Mountain Reservoir, which is located along Reservoir Road, off County Route 36, in the Town of Saugerties. We have 18.5 miles of watershed. Blue Mountain Reservoir is stream fed and has a 6 million gallon storage capacity by damming the stream. There are approximately 250 acres surrounding the reservoir. During 2023 our system did not experience any restriction of our water source. The water is gravity fed from the reservoir to the Water Filtration Plant. The filtration plant can treat 1.8 million gallons per day. As the water enters the water filtration plant the pH is adjusted with soda ash to optimize floc production, we then add poly aluminum chloride to cause small particles to stick together when the water is mixed, making larger heavier particles. The water is then pumped through any of three upflow clarifiers to remove the larger heavier particles. In the next stage of treatment water flows to the three mixed media filter units at which point we add a filter aid which improves filtration and reduces filter effluent turbidity. This is the final polishing step in which the fine particulate mater that was not removed in the clarifier is filtered out. Each filter unit can process 850,000 gallons per day. The final treatment step is disinfection with chlorine to prevent bacterial contamination. Additionally, we add an orthophosphate inhibitor for corrosion control. The treated water flows to a 78,000 gallon clearwell and then gravity fed into the Village's water distribution system, which includes a three million gallon water storage tank. Glasco water purchases it's water from the village of Saugerties for distribution to our customers. The Glasco distribution system includes a one 800,000 gallon storage tank and a one half million gallon storage tank.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Our water system serves approximately 5,120 people served through 2048 service connections.. The amount of water distributed in the system was 247,540,397 gallons. The amount of water delivered to customers was 101,561,250 gallons. This leaves an unaccounted for total of gallons or 26 %. This water was used to flush mains, fight fires, municipal use, recreation fields and ballparks, theft of service and leakage. In 2023, the Glasco water customers were charged \$8.24 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, the Glasco Water District routinely tests your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. 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. Some of our data, though representative of water quality, is more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking 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) or the Ulster County Health Department at (845) 340-3150.

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table on pages 2 & 3, our system had no violations of the water that was tested. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these compounds were detected below New York State requirements. MCL’s are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2023, 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, don’t flush and wait to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose more than 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you can save more than 30,000 gallons a year.
- ◆ Use your water meter to detect hidden leaks. Record your meter reading just before you go to bed and again the next morning before you use any water, if the water meter has recorded any usage you have a leak.

System Improvements

No major modifications were done to the water system in 2023..

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Glasco Water District TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS Public Water Supply Identification Number NY5503367						
	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Turbidity ¹ (Highest turbidity sample from 06/12/2023)	N	0.030	NTU	N/A	TT=1 NTU	Soil runoff
		100%			TT= 95% samples < 0.3	
Inorganic Contaminants						
Chloride (sample from 2/27/07)	N	10	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination

Copper (samples from 8/04/2023 Range of copper concentrations)	N	.0283-.102.0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (samples from 8/04/2023 Range of lead concentrations)	N	.001 001-.001	ppm	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Manganese (sample from 2/27/07)	N	0.03	ppm	N/A	300	Geology; Naturally occurring
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (sample from 2/27/07)	N	0.6	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Zinc (sample from 2/27/07)	N	<0.01	ppm	5.0	N/A	
Sodium ^{4l} (sample from 2/27/07)	10	9.6	ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring; Road salt; Water softeners; Animal waste
Sulfate (sample from (2/27/07)	N	9	ppm	N/A	250	Geology;
Disinfection Byproducts (Quarterly samples from 2023)						
HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids] range of values	N	7.5-12.3	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection needed to kill harmful organisms
TTHM[Total Trihalomethanes] range of values	N	2.09-40.4	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.
Chlorine Residual, Free (average) Range (sampled daily)	N	0.47 0.2 – 0.6	ppm	MRDLG N/A	MRDL 4	Used in the treatment and disinfection of drinking water

Notes:

- Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Level detected represents the highest level detected. State regulations require that entry point turbidity must always be below 1.0NTU. The regulations also require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 0.3 NTU. Although August was the month when we had the fewest measurements meeting the treatment technique for turbidity, the levels recorded were within the acceptable range allowed and did not constitute a treatment technique violation.
- The level presented represents the 90th percentile of 10 test sites. 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 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 10 samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was the 9th sample with the second highest value (level detected 0.32 mg/l). The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.
- The level presented represents the 90th percentile of 10 test sites. 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 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead values detected at your water system. In this case, 10 samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was the 9th sample with the second highest value (level detected 0.2 µg/l). The action level for lead was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.
- Water containing more than 20 mg/l should not be consumed by persons on severely restricted sodium diets.
- The Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) requires monitoring of raw and finished water Total Organic Carbon (TOC). Depending on the raw water alkalinity value, proper water treatment should remove between 15% to 35% of the raw water TOC thus reducing the amount of disinfection byproducts produced.

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is 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 Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is 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 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 contamination

N/A-Not applicable

As the State regulations require we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These groups of contaminants followed by the number of contaminants in each group exist at levels that were NOT DETECTABLE in your drinking water: volatile organic compounds (52) + MTBE, synthetic organic compounds (38), asbestos, color, odor, and radiological chemicals (3). Microbiological Contaminants (2) Total Coliform, *E. coli*.

Inorganic contaminants that were NOT DETECTABLE are: arsenic, barium cadmium, chromium, iron, mercury, selenium, silver, zinc fluoride, antimony, beryllium, nickel, thallium and cyanide.

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. [Glasco Water District](#) 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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SWAP Summary**

The NYS DOH has completed a source water assessment for this water 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 could affect the source. 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. *While nitrates were detected in our water, it should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, might be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants from natural sources. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.* See section “Are there contaminants in our drinking water?” for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

This assessment found a moderate susceptibility to contamination for this source of drinking water. Land cover and its associated activities within the assessment area does not increase the potential for contamination. The sole non-sanitary wastewater discharge in the assessment area is associated with the drinking water treatment plant and is downstream from the water plant intake. Consequently it does not contribute to source water contamination. There is also noteworthy contamination susceptibility associated with other discrete contaminant sources such as mines. Finally, it should be noted that the high mobility of microbial contaminants in reservoirs results in this drinking water system’s raw water intake as having medium-high susceptibility ratings for protozoa and enteric bacteria and viruses.

Our water is filtered and disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered into your home meets the New York State’s drinking water standards for microbial contamination.

County and state health departments may use this information to direct future source water protection activities. This may include water quality monitoring, resource management, planning, and education programs.

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 and our way of life. Please call our water department office at (845) 246-8671 if you have questions.