



Nappanee Water Utility

(Indiana PWS ID No. IN5220016)

Consumer Confidence Report 2024

Dear Neighbor,

The City of Nappanee is dedicated to providing safe, high-quality drinking water that meets or exceeds all regulatory standards. We regularly test our water to ensure it meets these safety requirements.

This Consumer Confidence Report contains important information about your drinking water. Please take the time to read it carefully. If you have any questions about your water or our services, please don't hesitate to contact us.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE SPANISH-SPEAKING POPULATION

Este informe contiene información importante sobre su agua potable. Por favor, tradúzcalo o pídale a alguien que se lo explique.

IS OUR WATER SAFE?

The Nappanee Water Utility staff remains committed to providing safe, high-quality drinking water to our community. As in previous years, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State drinking water health standards last year.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

People with weakened immune systems, such as those with cancer, HIV/AIDS, organ transplants, or other immune system disorders, as well as some elderly people and infants, may be especially susceptible to contaminants in drinking water. These individuals should consult their healthcare providers for advice on safe drinking water practices. For information on reducing the risk of infection from *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants, please contact the **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791**.

WHY ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN 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, such as radioactive material. In some cases, water can pick up these 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, 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, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production. Which can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally-occurring, or from the result of oil and gas production, or also mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (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 in water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

EDUCATIONAL STATEMENT REGARDING LEAD

"There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at an increased risk of these harmful health effects. As well as adults that have an increased risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney problems, and or nervous system problems. Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks."

Our inventory of service lines and the materials used is available on our website anytime at www.nappanee.in.gov or the direct link: <https://pws-ptd.120wateraudit.com/Nappanee-IN>

WELLHEAD PROTECTION

The City of Nappanee has developed a Wellhead Protection Plan to safeguard our drinking water. This community-based plan focuses on pollution prevention by managing land use and potential contaminant sources in areas surrounding our local aquifer. The Wellhead Protection Program protects our groundwater resources from contamination through a pollution prevention program and land-use management.

The source of Nappanee's drinking water is groundwater supplied by 4 wells. We ask that our customers help us protect this groundwater resource, which is the heart of our community and vital to our way of life, as well as our children's future. If you live or work in the city limits of Nappanee, you may likely be within the boundaries of the City's wellhead protection area.

SAFEGUARDING OUR GROUNDWATER

Improper disposal of household products containing hazardous or toxic substances can contaminate groundwater, which is our drinking water source. These pollutants can come from common items like pesticides, fertilizers, cleaners, glues, detergents, paint, paint thinners, waste oil, gasoline, and antifreeze.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Read and follow all directions on household chemicals and hazardous products.

Clean up your property and properly dispose of outdated or unused household chemicals.

Dispose of household hazardous waste For more information about HHW Drop-Off Days please call the Elkhart County Landfill at **574-522-2581** or visit their website.

Learn more about groundwater protection by contacting the **Indiana Department of Environmental Management** at **(317) 234-7430** or **visiting their website at www.in.gov/idem/**.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Mr. Brian Van Voorst at (574) 773-2112 if you have any questions or would like to review the Wellhead Protection Plan during normal business hours at City Hall.

GET INVOLVED:

We encourage public input on drinking water issues. The Nappanee Board of Works meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 3:30pm at City Hall.

Kindly,

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