

Want to Know More?

We want our residents to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel free to reach out to any of the following:

Village of Frankfort

www.frankfortil.org

(815) 469-2177

Zachary Brown, Director of Utilities

Illinois EPA Bureau of Water

www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/Pages/default.aspx

United States EPA

<http://water.epa.gov/drink>

Safe Drinking Water Hotline

(800) 426-4791

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Ongoing Projects

• Water Main Improvement Program

The Village is continuing its annual water main improvement program. The program involves replacement of aged water mains and service connections, looping of dead-end water mains, and the extension of new water mains to provide better hydraulic flow within the system. During the 2023 / 2024 fiscal year approximately one million dollars was spent on this program.

• Water Main Valve and Hydrant Maintenance Program

The Village is continuing its ongoing preventative maintenance program to exercise and paint hydrants, as well as exercise and GPS locate valves. This program ensures these hydrants and valves are in good working order and easily accessible.



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Water Report



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT?

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the Village of Frankfort to provide safe drinking water. This report includes drinking water facts, information on violations, and contaminants detected in your drinking water supply. The Village provides a new report each year.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Dedicated to Water Quality

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates every public water supply (PWS) to ensure that there is an adequate supply of safe water to serve the community. The EPA requires a community to have a sufficient supply of water and adequate facilities staffed by certified personnel. To monitor and ensure compliance, the EPA requires extensive sampling and testing of the water with the test results submitted monthly. EPA field inspectors also conduct site visits to check the condition and operation of the facilities.

The Village of Frankfort is a compliant PWS that is dedicated to exceeding the requirements of the EPA. In 2023, The Village proudly served over 1.26 billion gallons of water to more than 24,000 people within its boundaries and nearby unincorporated areas. The utility is funded by water rates, new tap fees, and capacity expansion fees. The utility is not subsidized with tax dollars.

The Village's certified water operators operate ten wells that pump water out of the ground through treatment facilities and ultimately to homes and businesses through an underground network of pipes. Six elevated tanks provide 5.7 million gallons of storage for water pressure and fire protection purposes. Water treatment consists of chlorine disinfection to kill harmful bacteria, addition of fluoride to promote dental health, and filtration and phosphate addition to remove iron, which is naturally present in our ground water.

Please review the entire report to find out more about important health information, source water assessment information, and various ways to connect for additional information related to water.

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2023 Regulated Contaminants Detected

How to Read This Report

The Village wants you to be informed about your water system. A brief description of the type of data in each section of this page is listed below:

Outside Edge of Page: The information on the outside sections of this page provide you with general data about drinking water characteristics, possible health concerns and a brief EPA assessment of Frankfort's water system. Contact data for more detailed information is provided.

Middle of Page: The information in the middle portion of the page provides specific data about the contaminants found in Frankfort's drinking water. All public drinking water supplies contain contaminants and the tables in this section provide testing results for each contaminant. The contaminant name, date sampled, result, EPA level allowed, violation status and the likely source is provided.

Sources of Drinking Water

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 pickup 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 storm water 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 agricultural, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

-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.

-Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Water Quality Tests Results (Terms and Definitions)

ALG = Action Level Goal: 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.

AL = Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Avg = Average: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 Assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determines (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in the water system.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 Assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in the water system on multiple occasions.

MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level: 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.

MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: 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.

MRDLG = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: 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.

N/A = Not applicable

pCi/L = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppb = Parts per billion or micrograms per liter—or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm = Milligrams per liter of parts per million—or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination & Comments
Copper	2022	1.3	1.3	0.95	3	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination & Comments
Chlorine	2023	1.7	1 - 2	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	19.92	0 - 19.92	No goal for total	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	58	0 - 92	No goal for total	80	ppb	No	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 & Comments
Arsenic While your drinking water meets EPA standards for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.	2023	6.81	0.702 - 6.81	0	10	ppb	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronic production waste
Barium	2023	0.053	0.00949 - 0.053	2	2	ppm	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	2023	4.65	4.52 - 4.65	100	100	ppb	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills. Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2023	0.93	0.45- 0.93	4	4.0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	2023	1.24	0 - 1.24	N/A	1.0	ppm	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	2023	15.7	6.49 - 15.7	150	150	ppb	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	2023	1.08	0.909 - 1.08	50	50	ppb	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refinery; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Sodium	2023	34800	30300- 34800	N/A	N/A	ppb	No	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Use in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	2023	0.00956	0.00289 - 0.00956	5	5	ppm	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination & Comments
Combined Radium 226 / 228	2023	1.78	0 - 1.78	0	5	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha excluding Radon and Uranium	2023	4.39	3.44 - 4.39	0	15	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Coliform Bacteria	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest Number of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination & Comments	
Fecal Coliform or E. Coli	0	1 positive monthly sample	1	0	1	No	Naturally present in the environment.	

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR AVAILABILITY OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING DATA - IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that don't yet have a drinking water standard set by the EPA. The purpose of monitoring these contaminants is to help the EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have the right to know that this data is available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact the Village of Frankfort Utility Department at (815) 469-2177 or visit us at 432 W. Nebraska Street, Frankfort IL, 60423.

Where does our drinking water come from?

The Village of Frankfort's source water is groundwater. There are ten wells that pump water out of the Silurian-Dolomite aquifer, which is a geological formation that contains water.

Important Health Information

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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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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 infections. 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.

Lead 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 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.