

# **2017 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT OF WATER QUALITY**

## **CITY OF FRASER**

The 2017 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, lists the results of water quality tests, and contains important information about water and health. The City of Fraser will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason for concern about our water. The City is pleased to show you how the water delivered to you has surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Drinking water quality is important to our community and the region. The City of Fraser and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are committed to meeting state and federal water quality standards including the Lead and Copper Rule. With the Great lakes as our water source and proven treatment technologies, the GLWA consistently delivers safe drinking water to our community. The City of Fraser operates the system of water mains that carry this water to your home's service line. This year's Water Quality Report highlights the performance of GLWA and the City of Fraser water professionals in delivering some of the nation's best drinking water. Together, we remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining open communication with the public about our drinking water.

## **SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENTS**

Your drinking water is a combination of water from Lake Huron Plant and the Northeast Plant (Detroit River Plant)

### **Lake Huron Plant**

Your source water comes from the lower Lake Huron watershed. The watershed includes numerous short, seasonal streams that drain to Lake Huron. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. The Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

In 2015, GLWA received a grant from The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to develop a source water protection program for the Lake Huron water treatment plant intake. The programs include seven elements that include the following: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection area, identification of potential of source water protection area, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new sources and public participation and education.

If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment report, please contact the Fraser Department of Public Works at (586) 293-2001.

### **Northwest (Detroit River) Plant**

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from “very low” to “very high” based primarily on geological sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan.

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## **IS OUR WATER SAFE TO DRINK?**

The GLWA treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day seven days a week. The GLWA, tests hundreds of samples each week in their certified laboratories by a highly trained staff. GLWA water not only meets safety and health standards, but also ranks among the top 10 in the country for quality and value. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least a small amount of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential effects may be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

## **REGULATION AND CONTAMINANT INFORMATION**

In order to ensure that the tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. The state and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We have met all requirements for 2016.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over 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:

1. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewerage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
2. 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.
3. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
4. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water, runoff and septic systems.
5. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## **CRYPTOSPORIDIUM**

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once, during a twelve-month period at our Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, infants and small children are at greater risk for developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water. 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 to (800-426-4791).

## **UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING**

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

## **LEAD**

Since 1992 the City of Fraser's Water Department has been testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute to their household water supply. Of the five homes tested in 2008, none were found to have lead levels above the action level. Homes in Fraser do have copper pipes that prior 1988 were connected by lead solder. Lead solder was widely used prior to being banned in 1988. The actual presence of lead connections does not indicate that there is a lead problem, as over time a protective coating builds up inside the pipe. This coating can reduce the amount of lead that might dissolve in your water. If your home was built prior to 1989, it may have piping that has lead soldered joints.

You can take the following precautions to minimize your exposure to lead that possibly may leak into your drinking water from your pipes. Run your water for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. This practice should be followed anytime your water has not been used for more than

6 hours. Always use cold water for drinking, cooking or making baby formula. Use faucets and plumbing material that are either lead free or will not leak unsafe levels of lead into your water. 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 Fraser Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. If you are concerned about lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>, or by contacting the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Additional copies of this report are available at City Hall, Senior Center, Senior Housing and the Public Library, as well as the Public Works Department. We also invite the public to participate in decisions that affect drinking water quality at our monthly council meetings. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report please contact the City of Fraser Department of Public Works at (586) 293-2001.

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 of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one-year-old.

The City of Fraser and the Great Lakes Water Authority are committed to safeguarding our water supply and delivering the highest quality drinking water to protect public health. In 2017 the City of Fraser was in violation of not sending out to the five sampling sites of the lead and copper test results. Letters were sent out to these five sampling sites to correct the violation. The test results did come back within the ranges.

## Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition/Explanation</b>
>	Greater than	
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
<b>AL</b>	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
<b>HAA5</b>	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
<b>LRAA</b>	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
<b>MCL</b>	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.
<b>MCLG</b>	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
<b>MRDL</b>	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
<b>MRDLG</b>	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
<b>n/a</b>	not applicable	
<b>ND</b>	Not Detected	
<b>NTU</b>	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
<b>pCi/L</b>	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
<b>ppb</b>	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
<b>ppm</b>	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
<b>RAA</b>	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
<b>TT</b>	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
<b>TTHM</b>	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
<b>µmhos</b>	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water

**Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant  
2017 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

<b>2017 Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at the Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MCL</b>	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	5-16-2017	ppm	4	4	0.72	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5-16-2017	ppm	10	10	0.34	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5-16-2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

<b>2017 Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MCL</b>	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2017	ppb	n/a	80	35 ppb	21.1-37.9 ppb	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2017	ppb	n/a	60	13 ppb	10-16 ppb	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

  

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MRDLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MRDL</b>	Highest RAA	Quarterly Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2017	ppm	4	4	0.75	0.65-0.80	no	Water additive used to control microbes

<b>2017 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water</b>				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)		Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.29 NTU	100 %		no	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

<b>2017 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Action Level <b>AL</b>	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples over <b>AL</b>	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2014	ppb	0	15	0.5	0	yes	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2014	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.1	0	yes	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique 2017	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no TOC removal requirement	Erosion of natural deposits

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<b>Radionuclides 2014</b>							
<b>Regulated contaminant</b>	<b>Test date</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Health Goal MCLG</b>	<b>Allowed Level</b>	<b>Level detected</b>	<b>Violation Yes/no</b>	<b>Major Sources in Drinking water</b>
<b>Combined Radium 226 and 228</b>	5-13-14	pCi/L	0	5	<b>0.86 + or - 0.55</b>	<b>no</b>	Erosion of natural deposits

<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Level Detected 2017</b>	<b>Source of Contamination</b>
<b>Sodium (ppm)</b>	n/a	n/a	<b>4.46</b>	Erosion of natural deposits

**Northeast Water Treatment Plant  
2017 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

<b>2017 Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at the Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MCL</b>	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	5-16-2017	ppm	4	4	0.66	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5-16-2017	ppm	10	10	0.44	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5-16-2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

<b>2017 Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MCL</b>	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2017	ppb	n/a	80	35 ppb	21.1-37.9 ppb	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2017	ppb	n/a	60	13 ppb	10-16 ppb	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

<b>2017 Disinfectant Residuals – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MRDLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MRDL</b>	Highest RAA	Quarterly Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2017	ppm	4	4	0.78	0.66-0.82	no	Water additive used to control microbes

<b>2017 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water</b>				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)		Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.18 NTU	100 %		no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.				

<b>2017 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Action Level <b>AL</b>	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2017	ppb	0	15	0.5	0	yes	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2017	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.1	0	yes	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

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Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no TOC removal requirement	Erosion of natural deposits

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2017 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

**Special Monitoring 2017**

<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Level Detected 2017</b>	<b>Source of Contamination</b>
<b>Sodium (ppm)</b>	n/a	n/a	<b>4.85</b>	Erosion of natural deposits

Great Lakes Water Authority voluntarily monitors for the protozoans Cryptosporidium and Giardia. The December 2017 untreated water sample collected at the Belle Isle intake contained 1 Giardia cyst. All other samples collected in the year 2017 were absent for the presence of Cryptosporidium and Giardia in the untreated water. Systems using surface water Like GLWA must provide treatment so that 99.9 percent of *Giardia lamblia* is removed or inactivated.