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## 2021 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Water: it's too precious to waste

### **WATER QUALITY TABLE**

Berkshire Corporate Park System, Bethel | PWS ID#: CT0090292

Highest Allowed by Law

Detected Level

Substance (Units of Measure)  INORGANIC COMPOUNDS  Barium (ppm) 2  Copper (ppm) 1.3  Fluoride (ppm) 4.0  Lead (ppb) 0  Nitrate (ppm) 10  MICROBIALS  Turbidity (NTU) NA  Turbidity (NTU) NA  DISINFECTANT  Chlorine (ppm) MRDLG 4  ORGANIC COMPOUNDS  Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) NA	2 AL = 1.3 4.0	YES YES	2021 2020	Average 0.018+	Range 0.013 - 0.018
Barium (ppm) 2  Copper (ppm) 1.3  Fluoride (ppm) 4.0  Lead (ppb) 0  Nitrate (ppm) 10  MICROBIALS  Turbidity (NTU) NA  Turbidity (NTU) NA  DISINFECTANT  Chlorine (ppm) MRDLG 4  ORGANIC COMPOUNDS	AL = 1.3 4.0			0.018+	0.013-0.018
Copper (ppm) 1.3  Fluoride (ppm) 4.0  Lead (ppb) 0  Nitrate (ppm) 10  MICROBIALS  Turbidity (NTU) NA  Turbidity (NTU) NA  DISINFECTANT  Chlorine (ppm) MRDLG 4  ORGANIC COMPOUNDS	AL = 1.3 4.0			0.018+	0 013 <sub>-</sub> 0 012
Fluoride (ppm) 4.0  Lead (ppb) 0  Nitrate (ppm) 10  MICROBIALS  Turbidity (NTU) NA  Turbidity (NTU) NA  DISINFECTANT  Chlorine (ppm) MRDLG 4  ORGANIC COMPOUNDS	4.0	YES	2020		0.010 - 0.010
Lead (ppb) 0 Nitrate (ppm) 10 MICROBIALS Turbidity (NTU) NA Turbidity (NTU) NA DISINFECTANT Chlorine (ppm) MRDLG 4 ORGANIC COMPOUNDS			ZUZU	0.19*	
Nitrate (ppm) 10  MICROBIALS  Turbidity (NTU) NA  Turbidity (NTU) NA  DISINFECTANT  Chlorine (ppm) MRDLG 4  ORGANIC COMPOUNDS		YES	2021	0.82+	0.61 - 0.82
MICROBIALS  Turbidity (NTU)  NA  Turbidity (NTU)  NA  DISINFECTANT  Chlorine (ppm)  MRDLG 4  ORGANIC COMPOUNDS	AL = 15	YES	2020	ND < 1**	
Turbidity (NTU)  NA  Turbidity (NTU)  NA  DISINFECTANT  Chlorine (ppm)  MRDLG 4  ORGANIC COMPOUNDS	10	YES	2021	0.33+	0.24 - 0.33
Turbidity (NTU)  NA  DISINFECTANT  Chlorine (ppm)  MRDLG 4  ORGANIC COMPOUNDS					
DISINFECTANT  Chlorine (ppm) MRDLG 4  ORGANIC COMPOUNDS	TT = 1 max	YES	2021	0.91+	0.05 - 0.91
Chlorine (ppm) MRDLG 4  ORGANIC COMPOUNDS	TT = 95% of	NO++	2021	94%	
ORGANIC COMPOUNDS					
	MRDL 4	YES	2021	0.47	0.10 - 0.83
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) NA					
	80	YES	2021	44***	19 - 61
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) NA	60	YES	2021	15***	9 - 24
STATE-REQUIRED TESTING — PH	HYSICAL CH	HARACTERIS	STICS^		
Color (CU) NA	15	YES	2021	1	0 - 2
pH NA	6.4 - 10.0	YES	2021	7.6	7.2 - 8.3
Turbidity (NTU) NA	5	YES	2021	0.11	0.05 - 0.25
STATE-REQUIRED TESTING — INORGANIC COMPOUNDS					
Chloride (ppm) NA	250	YES	2020	64.8+	52.6 - 64.8
Sodium (ppm) NA	NL = 28	NA	2020	36.8⁺	29.3 - 36.8
Sulfate (ppm) NA	SMCL = 250	NA	2020	36.8 <sup>+</sup>	27.2 - 36.8

Your water has been tested for more than 100 compounds that are important to public health. The maximum number of compounds detected was 14, all of which were below the amounts allowed by state and federal law. Most of these compounds are naturally occurring. Monitoring frequency varies from daily to once every nine years per EPA regulation, depending on the parameter. Our testing encompasses the full range of regulated inorganic, organic and radiological compounds, and microbiological and physical parameters. Results shown below are for detected compounds only.

#### **FOOTNOTES AND DEFINITIONS**

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#### < Less than

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

#### **CU** Color Units

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 a 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 contamination.

- **NA** Not Applicable
- ND Not Detected
- NL State of Connecticut customer notification level
- **NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Units,** a measure of the presence of particles. Low turbidity is an indicator of high-quality water.
- **ppb parts per billion,** or micrograms per liter (ug/L)

**ppm parts per million,** or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

SMCL Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level

- TT Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- + Highest level detected by the Danbury Water Department.
- ++ The Danbury Water Department violated a drinking water requirement in July 2021. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened. Water samples at the treatment plant for the compliance period in July showed that 5.8% of turbidity measurements were more than 0.30 turbidity units. The standard is that no more than 5% of samples may exceed 0.30 turbidity units per month. The Danbury Water Department was back in compliance in August 2021.
- \* 90th percentile value in copper monitoring. Result is representative of customer sampling stagnant water. No locations exceeded the action level for copper.
- \*\* 90th percentile value in lead monitoring. Result is representative of customer sampling stagnant water. No locations exceeded the action level for lead.
- \*\*\* Reported value is the highest locational, annual average of quarterly measurements for disinfection by-products in the distribution system. Values in the range are individual measurements.
- ↑ Measured at representative locations within the distribution system.

#### **HEALTH EFFECTS**

**Sodium:** If you have been placed on a sodium-restricted diet, please inform your physician that our water may contain as much as 36.8 ppm of sodium.

**Turbidity:** While Danbury's turbidity levels are relatively low, their persistence is a concern. Turbidity has no direct health effects, however; it can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

## **Understanding Your Water Quality Table**

**Barium:** Erosion of natural deposits.

**Copper:** Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Fluoride: Water additive that promotes strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits.

**Lead:** Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

**Nitrate:** Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.

**Turbidity:** Sediment particles; naturally occurring iron and manganese; soil runoff.

**Chlorine:** Water additive used to control microbes.

**Total Trihalomethanes:** By-product of drinking water chlorination.

**Total Haloacetic Acids:** By-product of drinking water chlorination.

**Color:** Natural organic matter such as decaying leaves; naturally occurring iron and manganese.

**pH:** Naturally occurring; water treatment processes.

**Chloride:** Naturally present in the environment.

**Sodium:** Water treatment processes; use of road salt; naturally present in the environment.

**Sulfate:** Naturally present in the environment.

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# Questions About Your Water Quality Report?

Customers who have questions about water quality should call us at **800-832-2373**.

Customers also may email us at waterquality@aquarionwater.com, or visit www.aquarionwater.com.

For other questions, or to report discolored water/service problems, or if you would like to participate in a public meeting, call **800-732-9678**.

Connecticut Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section: **860-509-7333** or **www.ct.gov/dph** 

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline: **800-426-4791** or **www.epa.gov/safewater** 

