

What’s the Quality of My Water?

Schererville Water Department is pleased to share this water quality report with you. It describes to you, the customer, the quality of your drinking water. This report covers January 1 through December 31, 2024. Schererville Water Department’s drinking water supply surpassed the strict regulations of both the State of Indiana and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which requires all water suppliers to produce reports like this every year to each customer.

In 2024 our water department distributed 1,108,785,000 gallons of water to our customers. We purchase pretreated water from Indiana-American Water company which relies on surface water from Lake Michigan. Indiana-American Water Company treats your water using chloramines as part of the disinfection process that protects you from microbial contamination.

Chloramines are a combination of chlorine and a small amount of ammonia that are used to kill potentially harmful bacteria in water. Used in water treatment plants throughout the country for decades, it is widely considered to be a more stable water disinfectant than chlorine. Chloramines do not leave a distinctive chlorine taste or odor, so many people actually prefer the taste of chloraminated water to chlorinated water.

Chloramines also act as a protective barrier against contamination as treated water moves throughout the water distribution system.

Although chloramination is a very effective means of water treatment, it can be toxic when introduced directly into the bloodstream. Chloramines, therefore, must be removed before use in kidney dialysis machines, or in fish tanks and ponds.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has developed a plan for the assessment of all public water systems’ surface water and ground water sources throughout the state. The state’s plan identifies potential contaminant sources. Please share your views with us if you are interested in environmental water quality issues by calling our designated water quality person listed in this report.

It may be necessary to make improvements in the water system in order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply.

Water Quality Statement

We are pleased to report that during the past year, the water delivered to your home or business complied with, or was better than, all state and federal drinking water requirements. For your information, we have compiled a list in the table, showing what substances were detected in your drinking water during 2024. Although all of the substances listed below are under the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set by the EPA, we feel it is important that you know exactly what was detected and how much of the substance was present in the water.

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 agriculture, 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.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants 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. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact:

Chad Nondorf, Public Works Director
& Licensed Water Operator or Cory Rak,
Utility Foreman & Licensed Water Operator
by calling 219-322-6688,
or by writing to this address:
10 E. Joliet St., Schererville, IN 46375
or go to the town website at:
www.schererville.org.

We Want our Valued Customers to be Informed about their Water Utility.

You can attend regularly scheduled public meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM, in Schererville Town Hall at 10 E. Joliet St., Schererville.

2025 Town Boards

Schererville Town Council

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Water Information Sources

Indiana American Water • www.indianaamwater.com
Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management
www.in.gov/idem
United States Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/safewater
Safe Drinking Water Hotline • (800) 426-4791
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention • www.cdc.gov
American Water Works Association • www.awwa.org
Water Quality Association • www.wqa.org
National Library of Medicine/National Institute of Health
www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus

2024 Annual WATER QUALITY REPORT



**Schererville
Water Department**
PWSID# 5245041

¹Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

²The value reported under “Level Found” is the lowest running annual average ratio between the percentage of TOC actually removed to the percentage of TOC required to be removed. A value of greater than or equal to 1.0 indicates that the water is in compliance with TOC removal requirements.

³Monitored under UCMR4, the EPA has not set drinking water standards for these containments.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wants you to know:

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that 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 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 (1-800-426-4791).

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, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): 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 (MCLG): 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 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 contaminants.

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.

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

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

90th Percentile: 90% of samples are equal to or less than the number in the chart.

MREM (millirems): a measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units): A measure of clarity.

N/A: Not applicable.

PPB (parts per billion): micrograms per liter (ug/l).

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency.

PPM (parts per million): milligrams per liter (mg/l).

ND: Not detectable at testing limits.

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

CDC: Centers for Disease Control.

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

LRAA: Loctional Running Annual Average.

Water Quality Results: Town of Schererville Water Department

Tap Water Samples: Lead and Copper Results Sampled by Town of Schererville Water Department

Substance (units)	Year Sampled	MRDLG	Action Level	90th Percentile	Compliance Achieved	Number of Samples Taken	Violation	Typical Source
Copper (ppm) ⁷	2023	1.3	1.3	0.0424	Yes	30	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits, leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	2023	0.0	15.0	1	Yes	30	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

****AS REQUIRED BY IDEM, LEAD AND COPPER SAMPLES WERE TAKEN IN 2023 AND ARE DUE TO BE TAKEN THE SUMMER OF YEAR 2026. (EVERY 3 YEARS)**

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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the varieties 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>.

Please use this link <http://idem.120water-ptd.com/> to a public transparency dashboard (PTD) to view details pertaining to the Town's Water Utility and submission's made to the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management (IDEM).

Disinfection Byproduct Compliance Sampling (D.B.P.) (Measured in the Distribution System) by Town of Schererville Water Department

Substance (units)	Year Sampled	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections (Low-High)	Violation	Typical Source
Total Trihalomethanes - TTHM (ppb)	2024	No Goal	80	26.5	16.9-44.2	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Halocetic Acids - HAA5 (ppb)	2024	No Goal	60	10.4	3.2-14.9	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Bacterial Results (Measured in the Distribution System) by Town of Schererville Water Department

Substance (units)	Year Sampled	MCL	Compliance Achieved	Typical Source
Total Coliform	2024	2.33% positive monthly sample	Yes	Naturally present in the environment

Violations

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices. There are no additional required health effects notices.

Deficiencies

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations. No deficiencies occurred during the reporting period.

Water Quality Results: Indiana American Water Company

Indiana American Water conducts extensive monitoring to determine if your water meets all water quality standards. The deductions of our monitoring are reported in the following tables. While most monitoring was conducted in 2024, certain substances are monitored less than once per year because the levels do not change frequently. For help with interpreting the tables below, see the applicable "Definition of Terms" on the previous page. Some unregulated substances are measured, but maximum containment levels have not been established by the government. These contaminants are shown for your information. **NOTE: Regulated contaminants not listed in these tables were not found in the treated water supply.**

Reseller Contaminants

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Sample Result	Range of Sampled Result(s) (low - high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
FLUORIDE	4/15/2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	0.11	0.11	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE	4/15/2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	0.38	0.33 – 0.38	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE – NITRITE	4/15/2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	0.38	0.33 – 0.38	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Water System	Highest LRAA	Range of Sampled Result(s) (low - high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2023 – 2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	12	7.4 – 13	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2023 – 2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	13	9.1-13.6	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2023 – 2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	13	10.2 – 14.8	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2023 – 2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	12	8.5 – 12.4	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	2023 – 2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	23	15.3 – 32.4	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	2023 – 2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	25	16.6 – 29.7	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	2023 – 2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	24	17.5 – 29.6	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	2023 – 2024	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER – NORTHWEST	23	16.3 – 29.8	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

LEAD AND COPPER MONITORING PROGRAM – At least 50 tap water samples collected at premise taps every three years

Substance (with units)	Year Sampled	Compliance Achieved	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	Range	No. of Homes Sampled	Homes Above Action Level	Typical Source
Lead (ppb)	2024	Yes	0	15	3	ND to 13	50	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Copper (ppm)	2024	Yes	1.3	1.3	0.057	ND to 0.134	50	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

TURBIDITY – Continuous Monitoring at the Treatment Plant

Substance (with units)	Year Sampled	Compliance Achieved	MCLG	MCL	Highest Single Measurement and Lowest Monthly % of Samples ≤0.3 NTU	Typical Source
*Turbidity (NTU)	2024	Yes	0	NA	TT: Single result >1 NTU TT: At least 95% of samples ≤0.3 NTU	Soil runoff. Soil runoff.

*Turbidity is caused by particles suspended in water. We monitor because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

Water System Name	Determination Date	Deficiency Description	Comments
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There are no additional required health effects notices from Purchases.

Reseller Violations and Health Effects Information

During the 2024 calendar year, the water system(s) that we purchase water from had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
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There are no additional required health effects violation notices from Purchases.