# 2025 CONSUMER 2025 CONFIDENCE REPORT



## City of Plymouth Water Department

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# **2025 Drinking Water Quality Report**

It is time, once again, for the City of Plymouth Water Department's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) regulate this report. To ensure safe drinking water for our community, the IDEM and the EPA monitor our compliance with many regulatory standards. This report contains the latest water quality testing results that have been submitted to IDEM and the EPA.

We are proud to report that the water quality provided by your Plymouth Water Department has met or exceeded the quality standards established at the State and Federal levels.

The city of Plymouth's water comes from ground water that is pumped from deep wells. This water has a substantial quantity of Iron and Manganese, which the treatment facilities are designed to remove by oxidation (making the Iron and Manganese into solid particles) and filtration. Fluoride is added to the water to protect dental health, and chlorine is added for disinfection. We test the Iron, Manganese, Fluoride, and Chlorine levels at the plants daily, and we test the distribution system for adequate levels of Chlorine daily. All this information is reported to IDEM monthly. For more information about the City of Plymouth Water Department, please contact Mike Vollrath, Assistant Superintendent, at (574) 936-2543 or at <a href="mailto:water@plymouthin.com">water@plymouthin.com</a>

Water is our most precious natural resource. It is everyone's responsibility to prevent the pollution of groundwater, streams, lakes, and rivers. We desire public interest and participation in our community's decisions affecting drinking water. The Board of Works and Safety meets every second and fourth Monday at the City Council Chambers at 124 N. Michigan St., (Garro St. entrance), at 6:00 pm. The public is invited.

#### **Lead and Copper:**

#### Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water that is not a known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

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

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 we cannot control the variety of materials used by 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 1-800-424-LEAD (5323) or at <a href="https://www.eps.gov/safewater/lead">https://www.eps.gov/safewater/lead</a>.

If you are interested in what your service line is composed of, current service line information can be found on the City's Public Transparency Dashboard at <a href="https://pws-ptd.120wateraudit.com/plymouthin">https://pws-ptd.120wateraudit.com/plymouthin</a>.

# **Inorganic Contaminants**

Date	Contaminant	MCLG	Action	90 <sup>th</sup>	# Sites	Unit	Violates	Above AL	Min-Max	Likely Sources
			Level	Percentile	Over AL					
2024	Copper 90 <sup>th</sup> % Value	1.3	1.3	0.11-0.17	0	ppm	N			Erosion of Natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
2024	Lead 90 <sup>th</sup> % Value	0	15	0.5-5.4	1	ppb	N			Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Date	Contaminant	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit	Result	Min-Max	Violates	Likely Sources
2024	Fluoride	0.64	0.6-0.7	4	4.0	ppm			N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additives which promote strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2024	Nitrate measured as Nitrogen	0.24	0-0.42	10	10	ppm			N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
2024	Barium	0.083	0.0073- 0.083	2	2	ppm			N	Discharge of drilling waste; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
2021	Arsenic	1.1	0-1.1	0	10	ppb			N	Erosion of Natural Deposits; Runoff from orchards; runoff from glass & Electronics production waste.
2023	Dibromachiore methane	0.004	0.0028- 0.004	0	0.1	MG/L			N	

## **PFAS**

Date	Contaminant	Action Level	Results	Unit	Likely Sources
					Firefighting foam, water, grease, and stain-resistant
2024	PFHxS	140	Below detection level	ppt	coatings, food packaging, Teflon coating, Scotchgard,
					Gore-Tex, textiles, and some makeup.
2024	PFNA	21	Below detection level	ppt	

## **Disinfection By-Products**

Date	Contaminant	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit	Result	Min-Max	Violates	Likely Sources
2024	Haloacetic Acids (haa5)	13	13.3-13.3	No goal for the total	60	ppb			N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
2024	Total Trihalomethanes (tthm)	26	16.97- 40.2	No goal for the total	80	ppb			N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
2024	Chlorine	0	1-1	MRDL = 4	MRDLG=4	ppm			N	Water additives are used to control microbes.

## **Radiological Contaminants**

Date	Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Unit	Results	Min	Max	Above AL	Violates	Likely Sources
2021	Gross Alpha excluding radon and uranium	15	0	pCi/L	6.3	6.3	6.3		N	Erosion of Natural Deposits.
2021	Beta/photon emitters	4	0	mrem/yr	4.2	4.2	4.2		N	Decay of natural or man-made deposits.

## **Coliform Bacteria**

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform of E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Results	Min	Max	Above AL	Violates	Likely Sources of Contamination
	0 positive monthly sample									
0		0		0	0	0	0		N	Naturally present in the environment.

**Total Coliform Sampling-** We are mandated by the state for the size of our city to take 120 routine samples. They were collected at various locations throughout the city in the year 2022. Also, all new mains are disinfected and tested before they are put into service. **Additional parameters are available upon request.** 

#### **Total Hardness**

Grains/Gal.	Mg/L
19.3	330

Most regulated and unregulated substances monitored by the EPA are not detected in Plymouth's drinking water. IDEM allows us to monitor some substances less than once per year because the concentrations are not likely to change. Some of the data presented is more than one year old. Some substances were monitored more than once in 2024, or they were from several locations which required the averaging of the results and the listing of a range.

### **Water Quality Test Results:**

Definitions: The following table contains scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running annual

average \of monthly samples.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of 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 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 (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.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of drinking water disinfectants 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.

MFV: Million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos).

NA: Not Applicable

NTU: Nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity).

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

PFAS: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances that are widely used to make

water-, grease, and stain-repellent coatings. These chemicals are known to be persistent in the environment and human body.

ppb: Micrograms per liter or parts per billion – 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.

ppt: Parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

ppq: Parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L)

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. The FDA regulates contaminant limits 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 some small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as a person with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, person who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or an immune system disorder, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. More information about contaminants and potential health effects, along with the EPA/Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants, can be obtained by calling the EPS's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

#### **Our Watershed Protection Efforts**

Our water system is working with the community to increase awareness of better waste disposal practices to further protect the sources of our drinking water. We are also working with other agencies and with local watershed groups to educate the community on ways to keep our water safe.