

2023 Water Quality Report for Osceola Township (Tamarack City)

This report covers the drinking water quality for Osceola Township (Tamarack City) for the 2023 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2023. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from Upper Michigan Water, which is supplied by ground water from four wells. The company has been utilizing these wells since 1968. The water from this well supply is of good quality requiring only minimal treatment. The State performed an assessment of their source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our source is high.

There are no significant sources of contamination included in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by daily monitoring and monthly testing as well as distribution of the Drinking Water Protection Plan pamphlet and School Education.

If you would like to know more about the report, please contact Andrew Goldsworthy at (906) 370-9238 or Osceola Township, PO Box 437, Dollar Bay, MI 49922, (906) 482-8578, secretary@osceolatwp.com. You can also visit our website at www.osceolatownship.org.

Contaminants and their presence in water: 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 U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: 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 systems 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. EPA/Center for Disease Control 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).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from 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.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, 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 stormwater 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 and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Information about lead: 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. Upper Michigan Water/Osceola Township is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but 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 have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. 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>.

Our water supply has approximately 38 lead service lines out of a total of 201 service lines.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2023.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Osceola Township office, 48545 Main Street, Dollar Bay, MI 49922, or on our website at www.osceolatownship.org.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Tamarack City Utility Board Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month starting at 6:00 PM. The Osceola Township Board meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, starting at 6:30 PM.

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The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2023. 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 the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **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 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 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 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; **ND:** not detectable at testing limit; **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter; **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter; **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity); **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.034 ppm	N/A	2019	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.31	N/A	2023	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	ND	N/A	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Unregulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	5.9	N/A	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Chloride (ppm)	N/A	N/A	11	N/A	2023	No	Not a regulated contaminate
Sulfate (ppm)	N/A	N/A	6.4	N/A	2023	No	Not a regulated contaminate
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	1.1	N/A	2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium (pCi/L)	5	0	0.2	N/A	2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	No	Naturally present in the environment
Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt)	370	N/A	ND	N/A	2023	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	ND	N/A	2023	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	ND	N/A	2023	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	ND	N/A	2023	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	ND	N/A	2023	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	ND	N/A	2023	No	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	2	0-2	2023	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	12.7	N/A	2023	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	2.2	N/A	2023	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine ¹ (ppm)	4	4	0.58	0.48-0.71	2023	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	0	N/A	2023	No	Naturally present in the environment
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water ²	Range of Results	Year Sampled	# of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	0	0-1	2022	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.029-0.260	2022	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

¹ The chlorine "Level Detected" was calculated using a running annual average.

² Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

For Tamarack City: The Upper Michigan Water Company's Consumer Confidence Report is available in the Township Office or online at <http://uppermichiganwater.com/water-quality/>

For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/.

During the monitoring period from June 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023, we were in violation for not turning in the report by the due date. The samples were obtained during the correct time frame. This violation did not pose a threat to the quality of the drinking water. We will be improving our processes to ensure we will meet reporting requirements in the future monitoring periods.