

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2024
Beacon Hills Water District
Fishkill, New York 12524
Public Water Supply ID# 1310806

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, the Beacon Hills Water District is issuing an annual report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact **CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. at (845) 463-7310**. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town board meetings. The time and place of regularly scheduled town board meetings may be obtained from Becki Tompkins, Town Clerk, at (845) 831-7800 x3338.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, 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 activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Departments and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves 999 residents through 291 service connections. Our water is purchased from the Village of Fishkill. Treatment by the Village consists of disinfection with Sodium Hypochlorite. The quality of water from the Village of Fishkill meets all satisfactory standards from the New York State Department of Health. A copy of the 2024 Annual Water Quality Report issued by the Village to all village residents is attached. During 2024 our system did not experience any restrictions of our water source. In 2023 the district installed emergency standby generators at the Belvedere Booster Station and the Pineview Booster Station. This project combined with the watermain replacement project completed in 2021 has greatly improved the water system. Since the new water mains have been installed there has been a significant reduction in water leaks and customer complaint calls. The estimated hardness of your water is between 13-15 grains per gallon.

**WE ASK THAT ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS BE VIGILANT IN REGARD
TO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN THE AREA OF OUR WATER
TREATMENT PLANTS.**

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. The Village of Fishkill 2024 Annual Water Quality Report (attached) contains all water quality information. Additionally, the Town of Fishkill monitors water quality and chlorine residuals on a daily basis. Periodically, testing is also done for Asbestos, Lead and Copper. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably 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 (800-426-4791) or the Dutchess County Health Department at (845) 486-3404.

Contaminant	Violation	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Range)	Unit Measure-ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper See Note 1	No	07/23	0.10 (0.0235-0.103)	mg/l	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead See Note 2	No	07/23	1.6 (ND-0.192)	ug/l	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Total Trihalomethanes	No	07/24	7.5	ug/l	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.
Total Haloacetic Acid	No	07/24	ND	ug/l	N/A	60	By product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful Organisms

Notes:

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Notes: (Continued)

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Non-Detects (ND): Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Milligrams per liter (mg/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

Micrograms per liter (ug/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

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

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

We are required to present the following information on lead in drinking water:

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Beacon Hills Water District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact CAMO Pollution Control Inc. 845-463-7310. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2024, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements. In 2016 the Town of Fishkill enacted a local law for cross-connection control. This law enabled the Town to implement a program to prevent possible contamination through distribution connections.

There are parts of the distribution system that pressures exceed 85 lbs. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain a pressure reducing valve if required. The newer version of these valves are not as robust as the older ones. When they fail water service can be depleted to the home or the homes over pressurized. It is plumbing code as well as critical that each home have a working shut off valve inside the home. This valve should be a ball valve. This valve can prevent flooding and water damage if there is plumbing issue within the home. Many times, the outside buried curb valves are not locatable or functioning and time consuming to operate. By the Town water code, the property owner is responsible for the service lateral from the main to the home, including the curb valve.

INFORMATION ON LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

A Lead Service Line (LSL) is defined as any portion of pipe that is made of lead which connects the water main to the building inlet. An LSL may be owned by the water system, owned by the property owner, or both. The inventory includes both potable and non-potable SLs within a system. In accordance with the federal Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) our system has prepared a lead service line inventory and have made it publicly accessible by https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/service_line/NY1310806.htm.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens 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 system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- ◆ Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
- ◆ Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- ◆ Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire fighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

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- ◆ Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call **CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. at (845) 463-7310** if you have questions.

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If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Paul DeForno, Water Superintendent, 845-896-8070. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled village board meetings the schedule for these meetings can be found on the Village's web page. The meetings take place at Van Wyck Hall located at 1095 Main Street in Fishkill.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

Generally, 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, naturally occurring radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, organic chemical contaminants, and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, New York State and the USEPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water source consists of eight groundwater wells located on twelve acres of land, which are located in the Town of Fishkill. The wells range in depth from 84 feet to 240 feet. The water is disinfected with sodium hypochlorite prior to distribution to the system. During 2024, our system did not experience any restriction of our water source.

The NYS Dept. of Health has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become contaminated. See sections "Are there contaminants in our drinking water?" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected, if any. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

The source water assessment has rated our water source as having an elevated susceptibility to microbial and nitrate contamination. These ratings are due primarily to the close proximity of the wells to permitted discharge facilities (industrial/commercial facilities that discharge wastewater into the environment and are regulated by the state and/or federal government) and the related activities in the assessment area. In addition, the wells draw from fractured bedrock and the overlying sand & gravel soils may not provide adequate protection from potential contamination.

The county and state health departments will use this information to direct future source water protection activities. These may include water quality monitoring, resource management, and planning and education programs. A copy of the assessment can be obtained by contacting us, as noted below.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Our water system serves 1,197 village service connections combined with the out of Village users for an approximate total population of 11,289 people. The village sells bulk water to tank truck services, The City of Beacon, Town of Fishkill, Town of Wappingers, and Chelsea Ridge apartment complex. The volume of water billed for in the Village of Fishkill billed amount was 177,770,140 gallons, this left 64,120,357 gallons unaccounted for. Unaccounted for water can be attributed to hydrant flushing, fire prevention, and leaks in the system. The daily average of water usage in the village system was 662,714 gallons per day. Our highest single day for a 24-hr. period was 1,624,000gallons on June 2 2024.

The Water Rates for 2024:

Village Residents: \$16.44 for the 1st 1,000 cubic feet - then \$ 10.69 for every 1,000 cubic feet after.

Village Commercial: \$ 21.37 for the 1st 1,000 cubic feet - then \$ 13.89 for every 1,000 cubic feet after.

Out of Village Residents: \$32.88 for 1st 1,000 cubic feet- then \$21.38 for every 1,000 cubic feet after.

Out of Village Commercial: \$ 42.74 for the 1st 1000 cubic feet- then 27.78 for every 1,000 cubic feet after.

1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons.

Water Produced and Sold to-	Gallons Produced	Gallons Sold	Unaccounted Water in Gallons	Service Connections	Daily Average in Gallons
TOTAL PRODUCED	557,539,000	493,418,643	64,120,357	N/A	1,527,504
VILLAGE OF FISHKILL	241,890,490	177,770,140	64,120,357	1,197	662,714
TOWN OF FISHKILL	110,683,273	SAME	N/A	N/A	304,101
CITY OF BEACON	139,997,000	SAME	N/A	N/A	383,553
TOWN OF WAPPINGERS	9,664,234	SAME	N/A	N/A	26,477
CHELSEA RIDGE COMPLEX	28,871,229	SAME	N/A	N/A	79,099
WATER TRUCKS	1,446,000	SAME	N/A	N/A	3,962

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, inorganic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radionuclides, nitrates, nitrites, lead, copper, volatile organic compounds (VOC's), and synthetic organic compounds (SOC's). The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State has us test for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data listed in this report, though representative and within the requirements of the NYS Sanitary Code, is more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably 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 (800-426-4791) or the Dutchess County Health Department at (845-486-3404).

Table of Detected Contaminants

Disinfection By-Products

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT OR AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes)	N	8/14/2024	5.4	ug/L	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, OR AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	N	10/19/22	0.023	mg/L	2	2	Discharge of drilling waste; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	N	1/17/2024 4/3/2024 7/17/2024 10/2/2024	36.6 24.5 26.5 29.3	mg/L	N/A	See Note (3)	Naturally occurring; Road salt; Water softeners; Animal
Chloride	N	1/17/24 4/3/24 7/17/24 10/2/24	47.6 34.2 50.9 49.4	mg/L	N/A	250	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination
Lead (2)	N	8/1/2022 8/10/2022	0.00182 (Range=ND -0.00321)	mg/L	0	0.015	Corrasion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits;
Copper (1)	N	8/1/2024- 8/10/2022	0.0612 (Range= 0.0256- 0.195)	mg/L	1.3	1.3	Corrasion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits;

Manganese	N	3/28/24	0.0479	mg/L	0	0.015	Naturally occurring; Indicative of landfill contamination
Radium 228	N	9/16/2019	0.66	pCi/L	0	5.	Erosion of natural deposits
Iron	N	3/28/24	<0.0500	mg/L	n/a	0.3	Naturally occurring.
Nickel	N	10/19/22	0.0009	mg/L	n/a	n/a	Plumbing fixtures or naturally occurring.
Nitrate	N	3/28/24	0.20	mg/L	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer; Leaching from septic tanks; Erosion of natural deposits

PFOS, PFOA, 1-4 Dioxane							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, OR AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
PFOS	N	3/28/2024 (Well 1) 3/13/2024 (Well 4)	1.58 2.02	ng/L	n/a	10	Released to the Environment through widespread commercial and industrial applications
PFOA	N	3/28/2024 (Well 1) 3/28/2024 (Well 2) 3/13/2024 (Well 4) 3/28/2024 (Well 5)	2.24 1.45 2.85 2.68	ng/L	n/a	10	Released to the Environment through widespread commercial and industrial applications

Notes:

1 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 20 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 20 samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was 0.0756. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.

2 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 20 samples collected. The action level for lead was not exceeded at any of the 20 sites tested.

3 – Water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.

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Nanograms per liter (ng/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid to one trillion parts of liquid (parts per trillion - ppt).

Non-Detects (ND): Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Picograms per liter (pg/l): Corresponds to one part per of liquid to one quadrillion parts of liquid (parts per quadrillion – ppq).

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): A measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr): A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL): A measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

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IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During 2024, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

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of Health website. This search can be done by selecting Dutchess County in the filter section. The village is listed under the public water supply ID # 1302765 also the following link can be used, this will bring you directly to the Villages lead service inventory page. health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/service_line/NY1302765.htm .

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- Use your water meter to detect hidden leaks. Simply turn off all taps and water using appliances, then check the meter after 15 minutes, if it moved, you have a leak.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

In 2024, as part of the well field expansion project the village has continued the improvements to the well fields. Two new wells were drilled in 2021. The village is now in the process of getting approvals from the NYS DEC and Dutchess County Health Department's to add these new wells to the village's distribution system. We have also installed a new alarm system for emergency call at the well field.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have questions.