

## WATER QUALITY REPORT BRILEY TOWNSHIP 2015

This report covers the drinking water quality for Briley Township Waterworks for the 2015 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2015. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from two groundwater wells, each over 110 feet deep. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. There are no significant sources of contaminations in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by participating in the Wellhead Protection Program.

If you would like to know more about the report please contact the Briley Township Office at (989) 785-4050, P.O. Box 207, Atlanta, Michigan 49709 or [Eric@brileytownship.com](mailto:Eric@brileytownship.com).

**\*Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain very small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about water contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's **Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791**).

**\*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. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**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, 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 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, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

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 which provide the same protection for public health.

### WATER QUALITY DATA

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2015 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 – December 31, 2015. 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 of 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): means 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):** means 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. **Ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter. **Ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter. **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- **Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride 2015		0.18	0.18 mg/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Chloride 2015	N/A	11	11 mg/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium 2015	N/A	8	8 mg/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sulfate 2015	N/A	12	12 mg/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Unregulated Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
N/A					
Distribution and Plant Tap Samples	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
N/A					
Microbial Contaminants			Level Detected	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Coliform Bacteria 2015	0.080	0.0005	0.0005	No	Naturally present in the environment.

**Information About Lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Briley Township Waterworks 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 two (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>.

Briley Township Waterworks supplies water to 178 service connections. The operating expenses are paid for by you, the customer. In its effort to supply you with the safest possible product, Briley Township Waterworks has a complete contingency plan in place, as well as an ongoing cross connection and backflow prevention control program. To keep informed and up to date, we are members of Michigan Rural Water Association and American Water Works Association, Michigan Section. The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2015. We had no monitoring violations or reporting violations.

We had no major problems with our water system for the 2015 year. The iron count is at 0.3 mg/l/s and hardness is 253 mg/l/s. We continue to conduct regular flushing to increase water flow.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. A copy of this report is available on requests the Briley Township Office, 11331 West Street, Atlanta, MI 49709.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The monthly Briley Township Board Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Briley Township Hall. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Eric Weigandt at (989) 785-4050. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at [www.epa.gov/safewater/](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/).

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