

# 2019 Water Quality Report for City of Ovid

This report covers the drinking water quality for the City of Ovid for the 2019 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2019. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

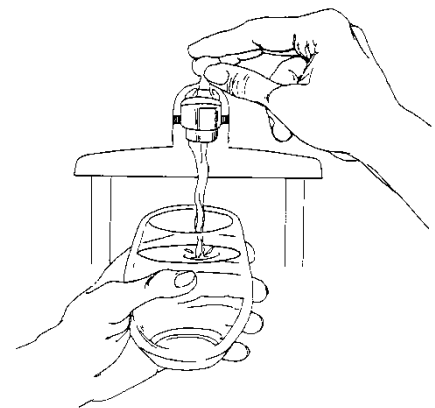
Your water comes from three (3) groundwater wells; one at 437 W. Front Street (approximately 50 feet deep), and two at 9240 E. M-21 Street (approximately 290 feet deep each). The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry, and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source water is as follows: Well #2 (437 W. Front Street) rating = MODERATE, Well #6 (9240 E. M-21) rating = MODERATELY LOW, and Well #7 (9240 E. M-21) rating = MODERATELY LOW.

There are no significant sources of contamination in the City of Ovid water supply.

If you would like to know more about this report or the susceptibility assessment report, please contact; Donald Passmore, DPW Superintendent, City of Ovid, 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, MI 48866, ph.: 989-834-5550, e-mail: [supt@ovidmi.org](mailto:supt@ovidmi.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 **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. 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 (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 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 are 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 stormwater 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 2019 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, 2019. 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 (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Your Water	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.34	2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	na	.004	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection. Water quality was not in violation.
Total TrihaloMethanes (ppb)	80	na	.0139	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection. Water quality was not in violation.
Gross Alpha- pCi/L	15	0	3.0 ± 1.6	2019	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits if certain minerals that are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation
Combined Radium pCi/L	5	0	1.39 ± 0.54	2019	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	<b>MRDL</b>	<b>MRDLG</b>	.62	2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes
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Special Monitoring and Unregulated Contaminant **			Your Water	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Sodium (ppm)			14	2019	Erosion of natural deposits	
Contaminant Subject to AL	Action Level	MCLG	90% of Samples ≤ This Level	Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	15	3.0	2017	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.1	2017	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits;

\*\* Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

**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. The City of Ovid 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 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 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead>.

Microbial Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Number Detected	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria	>1 positive monthly sample (>5% of monthly samples positive)	0	0	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and <i>E. coli</i>	Routine and repeat sample total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or <i>E. coli</i> positive	0	0	No	Human and animal fecal waste

The City of Ovid is committed to providing residents with safe, reliable and healthy water. The City of Ovid is not mailing a copy of this report to Ovid residents, but you may stop by the City Office at 114 E. Front St. and pick up a copy. City Office hours are M-F 9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. A copy of this report is posted at the City Office, United States Post Office, Ovid Library, Ovid Café, Clinton County Health Dept, and is published in the Weekly Newspaper.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The City of Ovid Council Meeting is the Second Monday of each month at the City Offices, 114 E. Front St., Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. For City Council meetings, enter the City Office building at the side southwest entrance.

**CERTIFICATION:**

WSSN: 05100

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

Signature: Richard Simpson

Title: Superintendent

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