

# 2017 City of Edina Drinking Water Report



## Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: 18 wells ranging from 381 to 1,080 feet deep, that draw water from the Prairie Du Chien-Jordan, Hinckley-Mt. Simon and Jordan aquifers.

Edina works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Dave Goergen, Public Works Coordinator, at 952-826-0312 or [dgoergen@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:dgoergen@EdinaMN.gov) if you have questions about Edina's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

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information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

## Edina Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017.

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## How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

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for them, we included them in the tables with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Definitions

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**Level 1 Assessment:** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

**Level 2 Assessment:** A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total

coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

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of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**NA (Not applicable):** Does not apply.

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**pCi/l (picocuries per liter):** A measure of radioactivity.

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**PWSID:** Public water system identification.

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

**Variances and Exemptions:** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

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### LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Action Level	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Copper (Nov. 16, 2017)	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0 ppm	0.85 ppm	3 out of 104	No	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Lead (Nov. 16, 2017)	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0 ppb	2.6 ppb	1 out of 104	No	Corrosion of household plumbing.

### INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Barium (July 25, 2013)	2 ppm	2 ppm	0.17 ppm	N/A	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposit.
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (cis-1,2-dichloroethylene)	70 ppb	70 ppb	4.6 ppb	0.00 - 3.20 ppb	No	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories.
Combined Radium	5.4 pCi/l	0 pCi/l	3.6 pCi/l	2.3 - 3.6 pCi/l	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Alpha	15.4 pCi/l	0 pCi/l	18 pCi/l	6.7 - 18.0 pCi/l	No	Erosion of natural deposits.

## CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.

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Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	80 ppb	N/A	1.2 ppb	0.80 - 1.20 ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	60 ppb	N/A	1.2 ppb	0.00 - 1.20 ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	1.19 ppm	1.03 - 1.35 ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes.

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## OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.64 ppm	0.58 - 0.67 ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

### Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)

Fluoride: If your drinking water fluoride levels are below the optimal concentration range of 0.5 to 0.9 ppm, please talk with your dentist about how you can protect your teeth and your family's teeth from tooth decay and cavities. For more information, visit [www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us). Fluoride is nature's cavity fighter, with small amounts present naturally in many drinking water sources. There is an overwhelming weight of credible, peer-reviewed, scientific evidence that fluoridation reduces tooth decay and cavities in children and adults, even when there is availability of fluoride from other sources, such as fluoride toothpaste and mouth rinses. Since studies show optimal fluoride levels in drinking water benefit public health, municipal community water systems adjust the level of fluoride in the water to a concentration

between 0.5 to 1.5 parts per million (ppm), with an optimal fluoridation goal between 0.7 and 1.2 ppm to protect your teeth. Fluoride levels below 2.0 ppm are not expected to increase the risk of a cosmetic condition known as enamel fluorosis.

Gross Alpha: During the year, our system had a gross alpha result greater than the MCL on one of our seasonal wells. By the end of the year, only one quarterly sample had been collected. Since there is variability in sampling results, and this is not an acute contaminant, four quarterly sample results are used to determine compliance. Quarterly monitoring for gross alpha is being conducted on this well, when applicable.

# 2017 City of Minneapolis Drinking Water Report

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Contact George Kraynick, Water Quality Manager, at 612-661-4923 or [george.kraynick@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:george.kraynick@minneapolismn.gov) if you have questions about Minneapolis' drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

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Nitrate	10.4 ppm	10 ppm	0.41 ppm	N/A	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Carbon Tetrachloride	5 ppb	0 ppb	0.2 ppb*	N/A	NO	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities.

\* = Follow up sampling showed no contamination present

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### TREATMENT INDICATOR – Tested during treatment.

Substance	Removal Required	Lowest Monthly Percent of Results in Compliance	Highest Test Result	Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Treatment Technique	100%	0.19 NTU	NO	Soil runoff.

### DISINFECTION BYPRODUCT INDICATOR – Tested in source water and in drinking water.

Substance	Removal Required	Removal Achieved	Average Removal Achieved	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Organic Carbon	25%-30%	55 - 64%	59%	NO	N/A

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month. The system met all TOC removal requirements, unless there is a "YES" in the Violation column.

## Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

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 system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (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 800-426-4791.

## Learn More about Your Drinking Water

### Drinking Water Sources

Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff and wastewater discharges.

**Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and commercial and residential properties.

**Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Edina and Minneapolis are protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

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## Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under 6 years and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Edina provides high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. **Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.
  - You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at [apps.npr.org/find-lead-pipes-in-your-home](https://apps.npr.org/find-lead-pipes-in-your-home).
2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.
3. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.
  - Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample at <https://apps.health.state.mn.us/eldo/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>. The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.

4. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.

- Read about water treatment units at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/poulead.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/poulead.html).

### Learn more:

- Visit [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/contaminants/lead.html#Protect](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/contaminants/lead.html#Protect).
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