

# CANTON WATER QUALITY - TEST RESULTS FOR 2021

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
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## 2021 Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap

Fluoride	4/13/2021	ppm	4	4	0.58	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	4/13/2021	ppm	10	10	0.37	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5/16/2021	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.

## 2021 Disinfection By-Product - Monitoring in Distribution System, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	ppb	n/a	80	34	16-34	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2021	ppb	n/a	60	29	13-29	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

## Disinfection - Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant

Total Chlorine Residual	2021	ppm	MRDLG 4	MRDLG 4	0.60	0.47-0.70	No	Water additive used to control microbes
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## 2021 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap

Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources of Drinking Water
0.09 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

## 2021 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customer's Tap

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Range of Detection	Number of Samples over AL	Violation Yes/NO	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2021	ppb	0	15	0ppb	ND-1ppb	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2021	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.0ppm	ND-.1ppm	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

## Regulated Contaminant Treatment Technique 2021 Typical Source of Contaminant

Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no TOC removal requirement.						Erosion of natural deposits
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## Unregulated Contaminant Test Date Unit Highest Level Detected SMCL Range of Detection Noticeable Effects above the SMCL Major Sources in Drinking Water

Manganese	2021	ppb	ND	ND	ND	Black to brown color; black staining; bitter metallic taste	Erosion of natural deposits and corrosion of iron pipes
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## 2021 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected 2020	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.52	Erosion of natural deposits

## Radionuclides - Monitored at the Plant Finished Tap in 2014

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium Radium 226 and 228	5/13/14	pCi/L	0	5	.65 ± 0.54	NO	Erosion of natural deposits



# 2021 Water Quality Report CANTON COMMUNITY

## CANTON'S ANNUAL REPORT

This report represents Canton's required annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on water quality. The purpose of the report is to inform you about the quality of your drinking water and the services associated with the process. **This report will illustrate that we are providing you with a safe and dependable water supply.**

## DRINKING 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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800/426-4791.

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 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, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. "The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health."

## SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential 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 Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four GLWA water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. In 2021, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy approved the GLWA's updated Surface Water Intake Protection Program Plan. The plan has seven elements that include: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies,

delineation of a source water protection area, identification of potential sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new water sources, public participation and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment Report, please call GLWA at 313/926-8102.

### CANTON'S WATER SOURCE

Canton purchases its water from the GLWA. Raw water is drawn from the Detroit River from two locations. The water is treated, then transported via large transmission mains to master meter pits in Canton. Pressure and flows are controlled by a series of meters and pressure-reducing valves and delivered via piping to your home.

Weekly water samples are collected by the GLWA at various locations in Canton and then tested. Dead-end mains are flushed by Canton's Public Works Division and tested for chlorine levels each quarter.

### CANTON MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS

The State of Michigan and the EPA requires water testing on a regular basis to ensure its safety. Canton has met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2021.

### YOUR DRINKING WATER IS SAFE - YOU CAN HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY

Your activities at home directly affect the quality of the rivers and lakes that are Southeast Michigan's greatest resources. Every ditch, storm drain, and stream in your area empties into a larger waterway. The storm sewer catch basins and ditches at the end of your driveway and along your neighborhood streets empty into either the Lower Rouge River or the Middle Rouge River. Here are some items you can do to keep water safe:

- Select slow-release fertilizers which gradually contribute nitrogen to the grass roots. Slow-release fertilizers protect lakes and streams, promote and protect steady grass growth, and protect microbial life in the soil. Nutrients that reach rivers and lakes can cause excessive weed growth that depletes the oxygen supply for fish and aquatic insects.
- Avoid combination fertilizer and weed control products that often add unnecessary herbicides to the landscape.
- Much of the pollution that makes our rivers and lakes unsafe for swimming and fishing comes from animal waste, lawn and garden fertilizers, and vehicles leaking oil or antifreeze.
- Pesticides, fertilizer, and other improperly applied lawn chemicals can kill beneficial bacteria, insects, and worms while promoting shallow root growth and polluting our water resources.
- Paved surfaces such as sidewalks, roads, roofs, patios, and parking lots allow pollutants to easily get into water instead of filtering through soil. Fertilizers left on sidewalks and driveways can easily wash into storm drains if not swept back onto the lawn.

- Never flush unwanted or expired medication down the toilet. Wastewater treatment facilities can't filter these chemicals out, so many drugs are being detected in drinking water.

For proper disposal of prescription drugs, Wayne County suggests you take all unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers; mix the prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, like used coffee grounds, cat litter, or old latex paint and put them in impermeable, nondescript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags, further ensuring that the drugs are not divested or accidentally ingested by children or pets; then throw these containers in the trash.

You can also contact your local pharmacy to see if they have a take-back program in place for unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs.

### IMPORTANT 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. GLWA 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 service line that is lead, galvanized previously connected to lead, or unknown but likely to be lead, 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 are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 800/426-4791 or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead)

### CRYPTOSPORIDIUM AND GIARDIA

GLWA voluntarily monitors our source water for the presence of Cryptosporidium and Giardia. All samples monitored in 2021 were absent of Cryptosporidium and Giardia.

Current test methods do not enable us to determine if these organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals are able to overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people have more difficulty and are at greater risk of developing severe, life threatening illness. Immuno-compromised individuals are encouraged to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to prevent infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested for it to cause disease and may be passed through other means than drinking water. Surface water treatment systems like GLWA must provide treatment so that 99.9% Giardia is removed or inactivated.

### PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CONCERNS

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, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system 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/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800/426-4791 or visit [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

### CANTON'S WATER IS SAFE

Canton's water is tested for lead every year, the last tests were taken in 2021 and showed no significant detection of lead. While it is not uncommon for many older communities to use lead piping for water services, Canton's infrastructure does not contain any lead services. If you have any questions please call Canton's Division of Public Works at 734/397-1011.

Canton and the GLWA are committed to safeguarding our water supply and delivering the highest quality drinking water to protect public health. For questions about this report, call Canton Public Works or the GLWA hotline at 844/455-4592.

## KEYS TO DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
<b>MCLG</b>	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
<b>MCL</b>	Maximum Contaminant Level	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
<b>MRDLG</b>	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	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
<b>MRDL</b>	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	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.
<b>ppb</b>	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
<b>ppm</b>	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
<b>NTU</b>	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
<b>uohms</b>	Microohms	Measure of electrical conductance of water
<b>TT</b>	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
<b>AL</b>	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.
<b>HAA5</b>	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
<b>TTHM</b>	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
<b>RAA</b>	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
<b>LRAA</b>	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
<b>n/a</b>	Not Applicable	
<b>ND</b>	Not Detected	
<b>pCi/L</b>	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity. Picocurie (pCi) means the quantity of radioactive material producing 2.22 nuclear transformations per minute.
<b>°C</b>	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
<b>SMCL</b>	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	An MCL which involves a biological, chemical or physical characteristic of water that may adversely affect the taste, odor, color or appearance(aesthetics), which may thereby affect public confidence or acceptance of the drinking water.