

## Source Water Assessment

**Boone Water Works** obtains its water from the Middle Des Moines River sand and gravel alluvial aquifer. The alluvial aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because of the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying land surface. The alluvial wells are more susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excessive fertilizer applications. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Boone Water Works at 515-433-0536.



## City of Boone Water Works

Water quality is our primary commitment at the City of Boone Water Works. We believe that the best way to assure you that your drinking water is safe is to provide you with accurate facts.

The information in this Consumer Confidence Report summarizes the results of our water monitoring program as required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during 2018. Many of the analyses are required by the Safe Drinking Water Act and other regulations. However, we monitor for contaminants above and beyond the basic requirements. If you have questions about the information in this report please contact us at (515) 433-0536.

**The City of Boone Water Works is dedicated to providing you, the customer, with the safest and most dependable supply of drinking water available.**



## QUALITY TAP WATER



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**Public meeting information:**

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**DRINKING WATER AND HEALTH INFORMATION FROM THE EPA**

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemo-therapy, 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 providers about drinking water. The EPA and Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

Many customers wish to know if bottled water is safer than regular tap water. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) establishes limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health. Any bottled water labeled "drinking water" must meet EPA's drinking water regulations. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of a contaminant does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

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. Boone Water Works 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 methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by contacting the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

**EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791 - <http://water.epa.gov/drink> - or AWWA Safe Drinking Water Website—[www.drinktap.org](http://www.drinktap.org)**

**Cryptosporidium**

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes it, the commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100% removal. Our monitoring indicates no presence of these organisms in our source water. The LT2 Rule builds on earlier rules to address the risk to public water systems for protection beyond current requirements. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immune-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water. Boone has not had a Cryptosporidium detection.

## 2018 Water Quality Results - City of Boone Water Works

SUBSTANCE	YEAR TESTED	VIOLATION YES/NO	HIGHEST	HIGHEST	UTILITY RANGE &	EPA MCLG (EPA GOAL)	SOURCES OF CONTAMINANT
			LEVEL ALLOWED (MCL)	DETECTED LEVEL	% OF SAMPLES MEETING TURBIDITY LIMITS		
<b>MICROBIAL CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Turbidity (NTU)	2018	No	N/A	0.22	0.02-0.22 (100%)	N/A	Soil runoff
Total Coliform (positive)	2018	No	TT	1 sample positive	0-1	TT	Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other waterborne pathogens may be present, or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water. (RTCR)
<b>INORGANIC CHEMICALS</b>							
Fluoride (ppm)	2018	No	4	0.92	0.53-0.92	4	Additive to promote strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	2018	No	10	6.6	2.1-6.6	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
<b>ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) (ppb)	2018	No	80	53 LRAA	42-62	N/A	Byproduct of treatment process
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAAS) (ppb)	2018	No	60	22 LRAA	15-29	N/A	Byproduct of treatment process
<b>UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Sodium (ppm)	2018	No	N/A	9.7	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; added to water during treatment process
<b>DISINFECTANT</b>							
Chlorine (ppm)	2018	No	4	1.5 RAA	0.54-2.02	4	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
<b>SOURCE WATER</b>							
		VIOLATION YES/NO	% REMOVAL RANGE	% REMOVAL REQUIRED			SOURCES OF CONTAMINANT
<b>TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON</b>							
Alluvial Wells	2018	No	11-50%	15%			Naturally present in the environment
<b>SUBSTANCE</b>							
	YEAR TESTED	VIOLATION YES/NO	ACTION LEVEL	90th PERCENTILE	UTILITY RANGE	# SAMPLES ABOVE ACTION LEVEL	SOURCES OF CONTAMINANT
<b>COPPER AND LEAD at Customer Tap</b>							
Copper (ppm)	2016	No	1.3	0.017	0.0011-0.0334	0 of 30	Corrosion of home plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	2016	No	15	7.30	ND-49	2 of 30	Corrosion of home plumbing; erosion of natural deposits

NOTE: The EPA requires monitoring of over 80 drinking water contaminants. Those listed above are the only contaminants detected in your drinking water. For a complete list, contact the City of Boone Water Works.

### Definitions

**Action Level (AL)** » The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers a treatment or other requirement that a water system must follow.

**Inorganic Contaminant** » Such as salts and metals, which can occur naturally or come from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

**LRAA** » Locational Running Annual Average

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** » The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** » The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** » 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)** » The level of a drinking 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.

**Microbiological Contaminants** » Very small organisms, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife

**N/A** » Not applicable

**ND** » Not detected at testing limit.

**NTU** » Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**Organic Contaminants** » Includes synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are industrial and petroleum process byproducts and can also

gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**pCi/L** » Pico-curies per liter

**ppb** » Parts of contaminant per billion parts of water. One part per billion (ppb) is equivalent to a single penny in ten million dollars. Ppb may also be referred to as **ug/L** or micrograms per liter.

**ppm** » Parts of contaminant per million parts of water. One part per million (ppm) is equivalent to a single penny in ten thousand dollars. Ppm may also be referred to as **mg/L** or milligrams per liter.

**Pesticides and Herbicides** » May come from agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential use.

**RAA** » Running Annual Average.

**Radioactive Contaminants** » Occur naturally or result from oil and gas production and mining activities.

**TOC** » Total organic carbon in untreated water.

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

**Chlorine Disinfectant** » The most common drinking water treatment is disinfection. Disinfection is considered to be the primary mechanism to kill bacteria and other germs to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases. Chlorine is the most widely used disinfectant. Disinfectants combine with organic and inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts. EPA sets standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and disinfection byproducts in drinking water. The water quality chart in this report reflects these standards and the utility's ability to meet those standards.

**Fluoride** » Some fluoride is naturally present in the source water. The amount is carefully monitored every day so optimum concentration is maintained. If you have concerns about fluoride, you should discuss this topic with your dentist and doctor.

**Nitrate** » nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants less than 6 months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water may cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because rainfall or agriculture

activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your healthcare provider.

**Turbidity** » turbidity is an indicator of treatment filter performance and is regulated as a treatment technique.

**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 compounds associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Boone Water Works 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 methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

**Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR)** - Establishes a maximum contaminant level for E. coli and total coliforms to initiate a "find and fix" approach to address fecal contamination that could enter into the distribution system. It requires public water systems to perform assessments to identify sanitary defects and subsequently take action to correct them.

**Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)** » Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

