

# 2015 Water Quality Report for the Village of Roscommon

This report covers the drinking water quality for The Village of Roscommon 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 three groundwater wells, numbers 2, 3 and 4 which are 103ft, 300ft and 259ft deep respectively. The State performed an assessment of our source water, and in a report dated June 24, 2004 determined the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. Copies of the report are available at Village Hall. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, the water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is Moderately High, Very Low and Moderately Low respectively.

If you would like to know more about the report please contact David Linderman, DPW Director at The Village of Roscommon at 989-275-8222 or email at dpwdirector@roscommonvillage.com.

- **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 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 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 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.
- **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter    **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- **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              | Range | Year Sampled | Violation Yes / No                                | Typical Source of Contaminant   |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|---|---|
| Lead (mg/l)                                       | .015         |              | .001 mg/l                   |       | 2015         | NO  | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits  |
| Barium (mg/l))                                    | 2            | 2            | .02 mg/l                    |       | 2015         | NO  | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits                          |
| Mercury (mg/l))                                   | .002         |              | .0002 mg/l                  |       | 2015         | NO  | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland |
| Chlorine (ppm)                                    | <b>MRDL</b>  | <b>MRDLG</b> | Avg 0.27                    | 0-0.6 | 2015         | NO  | Water additive used to control microbes   |
|   | 4            | 4            |                             |       |              |   |   |
| Contaminant Subject to AL                         | Action Level | MCLG         | 90% of Samples ≤ This Level |       | Year Sampled | Number of Samples Above AL                        | Typical Source of Contaminant   |
| Lead (ppb)***                                     | 15           | 0            | 3.0 ppb                     |       | 2015         | 0   | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits  |
| Copper (ppm)                                      | 1.3          | 1.3          | 0.13 ppm                    |       | 2015         | 0   | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives            |
| Special Monitoring and Unregulated Contaminant ** |              |              | Level Detected              |       | Year Sampled | Comments  |   |
| Sodium (ppm)                                      |              |              | Range 5-22 ppm              |       | 2015         | Typical source is erosion of natural deposits     |   |
| [Name of Unregulated Contaminant] (unit) **       |              |              |                             |       |              | Results of monitoring are available upon request. |   |

\*\* 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 Village of Roscommon 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

| Microbial Contaminants            | MCL   | MCLG | Number Detected           | Violation Yes / No | Typical Source of Contaminant        |
|-----------------------------------|---|------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total Coliform Bacteria           | >1 positive monthly sample (>5.0% of monthly samples positive)                                      | 0    | >1<br>March, July, August | Yes *              | 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         |

\* March 2015 we provided public notification of the MCL violation, chlorinated and flushed the distribution system and performed additional sampling with compliance being obtained March 11, 2015.

\* July 2015 site specific boil water order implemented, additional sampling performed with compliance being obtained July 14, 2015.

\* August 2015 implemented use of chlorine, additional sampling performed with compliance being obtained August 13, 2015.

Coliform are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Monitoring and Reporting **to the DEQ** Requirements: 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 will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at The Village of Roscommon offices, 702 Lake Street. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact David Linderman at 989-275-8222. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at [www.epa.gov/safewater/](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/).