# Oak Lane Mobile Home Park 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Is my water safe?

Oak Lane Mobile Home Park is pleased to provide this annual water quality report for calendar year 2018. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We vigilantly safeguard our water supplies and are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Oak Lane Mobile Home Park routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water. Last year, our system was cited for violating the Consumer Confidence Rule and the Lead and Copper Rule. More information about these violations can be found at the end of this report. We have since addressed these violations and have been returned to compliance status.

# Do I need to take special precautions?

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. These people 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 Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

# Where does my water come from and what are the potential sources of contamination?

Your drinking water is supplied by one well located in the Port Deposit Gneiss Formation, an unconfined, fractured-rock aquifer. The susceptibility analysis for Oak Lane Mobile Home Park's water supply is based on a review of the water quality data, potential sources of contamination, aquifer characteristics, and well integrity. For more information on the source of your water, the significant potential sources of contamination, and susceptibility analysis, contact the Maryland Source Water Assessment Program at the Maryland Department of the Environment at (410) 537-3714 or visit on the web at: <a href="https://www.mde.maryland.gov">www.mde.maryland.gov</a>

# Why may there be contaminants in my 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 (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (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:

- 1. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- 4. 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- 5. 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, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

# **Important Drinking Water Definitions:**

- MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risks for safety. MCGL allows for margin of safety.
- MCL: 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.
- AL: Action Level. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- ALG: Action Level Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
- LCR: Lead and Copper Rule. A United States federal regulation which limits the concentration of lead and copper allowed in public drinking water at the consumer's tap, as well as limiting the permissible amount of pipe corrosion occurring due to the water itself.
- M/R: Monitoring and Reporting

# **Units of Measurement & Conversions:**

NA: Not applicable ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity) ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

# Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected in your water. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, may be up to five years old.

	Date		Action	90 <sup>th</sup>	# sites			
Contaminant	Sampled	MCLG	Level (AL)	Percentile	over AL	Units	Violation	Typical Source
Copper	2018	1.3	1.3	0.4	0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits;
								leaching from wood
								preservatives; corrosion of
								household plumbing systems
Lead	2018	0	15	1	0	ppb	No	Corrosion of household
								plumbing systems; erosion of
								natural deposits

				Highest	Range			
Contaminant (units)	Collection Date	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Low	High	Violation	Typical Source
Inorganic Contaminants:								
Nitrate (ppm)	2018	10	10	3	2.94	3.3	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
CCR	10/01/2018	2018	We failed to provide you, our drinking water customers, an
Adequacy/Availability/Content			annual report that adequately informed you about the quality of
			our drinking water and the risks from exposure to contaminants
			detected in our drinking water.
Lead & Copper Rule	04/01/2018	01/02/2019	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and
Initial/Follow-up/Routine			period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of
SOWT M/R (LCR)			the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
Lead Consumer Notice (LCR)	10/01/2018	01/15/2019	We failed to provide the results of lead tap water monitoring to
			the consumers at the location water was tested. These were
			supposed to be provided no later than 30 days after learning the
			results.
OCCT/SOWT	04/01/2018	01/02/2019	We failed to propose treatment to our regulator in response to
Recommendation/Study (LCR)			results that indicate our water needs treatment to reduce lead
			and/or copper levels.

## Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Oak Lane Mobile Home Park 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 drinking 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 EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead">http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead</a>.

## Copper

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

# Nitrate

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.

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