

# 2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT



## Loves Park Water Department

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### Consumer Confidence Report

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# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2024

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Annual Water Quality Report

For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the LOVES PARK water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by LOVES PARK is Ground Water.

For more information regarding this report, contact:

Craig McDonald, (815) 877-1421, Ext. 603

or feel free to attend any regularly scheduled council meeting held every Monday, 6:15 p.m. at City Hall, 100 Heart Blvd.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

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/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.

## Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater 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.

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 at (800) 426-4791.

### 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 stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts 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, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

## Source Water Assessment

*A Source Water Assessment summary is included below for your convenience.*

To determine Loves Park's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1991, was reviewed. During the survey of Loves Park's source water protection area, Illinois EPA staff recorded six potential sources, routes, or possible problem sites within the 200 foot minimum setback zone of well #1. Thirty potential sources or problem sites are located within the 1,000 foot survey radius of well #1. There are an additional 22 potential sources located within the recharge area delineated for wells #1 and #2 that are outside of the 1,000 foot survey radius. No potential sources were located within either the 200 foot or 1,000 foot setback zones for wells #3, #4, and #5. The Illinois EPA considers the sourcewater for well #1 of this facility to be susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including monitoring conducted at the wells, monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system, and the available hydrogeologic data on the wells. The Illinois EPA does not consider the confined bedrock wells #3, #4, and #5 to be susceptible to contamination. The Illinois Environmental Protection Act established minimum protection zones of 200 feet for Loves Park's active community water supply wells. These minimum protection zones are regulated by the Illinois EPA. A 5-year recharge zone was delineated for wells #1 and #2. This is the geographic area surrounding a well or well field providing potable water to a community water supply as modeled using computer software to determine a five year time related capture zone. From these wells the recharge area extends approximately 1,000 feet to the west and 3,000 feet to the east, and it attains a maximum north-south distance of 4,000 feet.



## Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

**Beta/Photon Emitters:** The MCL for beta particles 4 mrem/year. EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be a level of concern for beta particles.

**Combined Radium:** The Combined Radium Maximum Contaminate Level has been exceeded by the Loves Park Water Dept. Treatment facilities were designed and became operational by 2005. For further information please refer to the Notice on the last page of this report.

**Lead:** Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels in your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your homes plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

**Iron and Manganese:** These contaminants are not currently regulated by USEPA. However, the state has set an MCL for these contaminants for supplies serving a population of 1000 or more.

**Sodium:** There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If the level is greater than 20 mg/l, and you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician.

*A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language been set. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.*



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**Definitions:** The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

**Avg:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

**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.

**Maximum Contaminant Level or 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.

**na:** not applicable.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or 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 residual disinfectant level or 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 or MRDLG:** 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.

**mmrem:** millirem per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).

**ppb:** micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

**ppm:** milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

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

**pCi/L:** picoCuries per liter (measuring radioactivity).

## 2023 Regulated Contaminants Detected

DATA TABLE HEADINGS	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfection By-Products</b>	<i>Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.</i>						
TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes)	2023	12	9.06 - 11.97	N/A	80	ppb	No
	By-product of drinking water disinfection						
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	6	2.19 - 6.3	N/A	60	ppb	No
	By-product of drinking water disinfection						
Chlorine	12/31/2023	1.1	1 - 1.13	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	No
	Water additive used to control microbes						
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Arsenic	10/18/2021	4.2	0 - 4.2	0	10	ppb	No
	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from electronics production wastes						
Ba rium	2023	0.085	0.085 - 0.085	2	2	ppm	No
	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits						
Cadmium	10/18/2021	1.9	0 - 1.9	5	5	ppb	No
	Discharge-metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; pipe corrosion; runoff-waste batteries						
Fluoride	2023	0.304	0.304 - 0.304	1	1	ppm	No
	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer, aluminum disc.						
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b> (including pesticides and herbicides)	Source - Erosion of natural deposits						
Gross Alpha Excluding Radon and Uranium	2023	4	0 - 3.8	0	15	pCi/L	No
Combined Radium 226/228	2023	3	1.46 - 3.12	0	5	pCi/L	No
Uranium	9/26/2011	0.1639	0.1639 - 0.1639	0	30	ug/l	No
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>	Source - Discharge from industrial chemical or petroleum factories						
1,2 - Dichloropropane	2023	0.63	0 - 0.63	0	5	ppb	No
Toluene	2023	0.00078	0 - 0.00078	1	1	ppm	No

<b>State Regulated Contaminants</b>	Source - Discharge from metal refineries or erosion of natural deposits						
Iron	10/18/2021	0.76	0 - 0.76	N/A	1.0	ppb	No
	This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA. However, the state has set an MCL for this contaminant for supplies serving a population of 1000 or more.						
Manganese	2023	2.1	2.1 - 2.1	150	150	ppb	No
	This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA. However, the state has set an MCL for this contaminant for supplies serving a population of 1000 or more.						
Sodium	2023	4.1	4.1 - 4.1	N/A	N/A	ppm	No
Zinc	2023	0.018	0.018 - 0.018	5	5	ppm	No
	<b>Note: The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore some of this data may be more than one year old.</b>						

## Lead and Copper

**Date Sampled:** 8/17/2020 The Loves Park Water Department records reflect no lead service lines within the system.

**Definitions:** Action Level (AL). The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements for a water system  
 Action Level Goal (ALG): 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.

Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level (AL)	Lead 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Lead AL	Copper MCLG	Copper Action Level (AL)	Copper 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Copper AL
0	15 ppb	2.8	0	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	0.18	0

### Likely Source of Contamination

Erosion of natural deposits. Leaching from wood preservatives. Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

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 used in plumbing components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Loves Park Water Department 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>.

**Chlorine Violation:** MONITORING, ROUTING (DBP), MNOR BEGIN: 04/01/2023 END: 06/30/2023  
 We failed to complete all required tests of our drinking water for chlorine for the period indicated.  
 Some people who use water containing chlorine well above the MRDL could experience irritating effects to the eyes and nose. Some who drink water well above the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.

## 2023 Violation Summary Table:

The Loves Park Water Department detected no Water Quality violations in 2023.

In 2023, The Loves Park Water Department's Water Supply was sampled as part of the State of Illinois PFAS Statewide Investigation. Eighteen PFAS compounds were sampled. **NONE WERE DETECTED** in our finished drinking water. For more information about PFAS health advisories go to <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/pfas/Pages/pfas-healthadvisory>



We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly-scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at (815) 877-1421. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality.html>.



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# North Park Public Water District

1350 TURRET DRIVE, MACHESNEY PARK, IL 61115

## WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS 2023

### 2023 Regulated Contaminants Detected - North Park Public Water District

Water Quality Data from the North Park Water Dist. represents water supplied to the Loves Park water system in 2023

Lead and Copper Date Sampled	Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level (AL)	Lead 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Lead AL	Copper MCLG	Copper Action Level (AL)	Copper 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Copper AL
2023	0	15 ppb	2.54	0	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	0.213	0

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation
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Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products		By-product of drinking water chlorination, used to control microbes.						
TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes)	2023	16	15.39-17.57	N/A	80	ppb	No	
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAAS)	2023	7	5.53-8.29	N/A	60	ppb	No	
Chlorine	2023	1	1 - 1	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	No	

Inorganic Contaminants		Erosion, runoffs, production wastes, fertilizer discharge.						
Arsenic	5/7/2018	1.6	0 - 1.6	0	10	ppb	No	
Barium	5/3/2021	0.14	0.085 - 0.14	2	2	ppm	No	
Fluoride	2023	0.881	.529-.881	4	4	ppm	No	
Nitrate	2023	3	2.5-3.0	10	10	ppm	No	
Chromium	5/7/2018	6.7	0-6.7	100	100	ppb	No	

Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOCs)		Factory discharges; dry cleaner						
Tetrachloroethylene	2023	.810	0 - .810	0	5	ppb	No	
Trichloroethylene	2022	2	0 - 2	0	5	ppb	No.	

State Regulated Contaminants		Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; factory discharges						
Sodium	5/3/2021	58	35 - 58	N/A	N/A	ppm	No	
Selenium	5/7/2018	4	0 - 4	50	50	ppb	No	
Combined Radium 226/228	4/7/2020	0.859	0.859 - 0.859	0	5	pCi/L	No	
Iron	5/7/2018	0.092	0 - 0,092		1.0	ppb	No	
Manganese	5/7/2018	2.8	0 - 2.8	150	150	ppb	No	
Zinc	5/3/2021	0.013	0 - 0.013	5	5	ppm	No	

**Note:** The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore some of this data may be more than one year old.

**Note:** Coliform Bacteria from decal coliform bacteria or E. Coli sampled resulted in no positive samples for 2023.

**Note:** Lead and Copper Contamination source: Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.



### Groundwater Guardian

Loves Park is a proud member of The Groundwater Guardian program which supports, recognizes and connects communities taking Pro-active steps toward ground water protection.



# WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS 2023

Required water tests include:

**Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances(s) PFAS  
Sample Results (ng/L)**

## FOR LOVES PARK WATER DEPARTMENT:

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## FOR NORTH PARK PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT:

In 2023, North Park Public Water District was sampled as part of the State of Illinois PFAS Statewide Investigation. Results from this sampling indicated PFAS were detected in our drinking water (above the health advisory level/below the health advisory level) established by Illinois EPS. Following up monitoring is being conducted. For more information about PFAS health advisories: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/pfas/Pages/pfashealthadvisory.aspx>

## 2023 TABULATED TEST RESULTS FOR NORTH PARK PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT: Maximum PFAS Sample Results

PFAS Analyte	Acronym	Analytical Result at Well #3	Analytical Result at Well #4	Units	Violaton
PERFLUOROBUTANE SULFONIC ACID	PFBS	ND - 3.3	2.7 - 5.0	ppt	No
PERFLUOROCTANE SULFONIC ACID	PFOS	2.5 - 4.2	3.7 - 7.0	ppt	No
PERFLUOROCTANOIC ACID	PFOA	ND - 3.5	2.4 - 4.9	ppt	No
PERFLUOROHEXANE SULFONIC ACID	PFHXS	ND - 3.0	3.6 - 7.5	ppt	No
PERFLUOROHEXANOIC ACID	PFHXA	ND	ND - 3.0	ppt	No
PERFLUORONONANOIC ACID	PFNA	ND	ND - 2.1	ppt	No

• Well #2 was moved to Emergency Backup status with the IEPA in 2022.

Well #2 Emergency Data is available upon request.

Only analytes with detections have been included for this table.

Well #5 was taken out of service in May 2021. Prior to that, TP01 has not been used as a primary production well since 2013.



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