

Dickens Water Works 2025 Water Quality Report

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. All of the water is purchased. Purchased water comes from Iowa Lakes Regional Water.

Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)		Compliance		Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
			Type	Value & (Range)			
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	(1.3)	90th	0.045 (0.005 - 0.053)	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	(0)	90th	ND (ND - 0.3)	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)		RAA	1.54 (1.26 - 1.82)	12/31/2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80	(N/A)	SGL	18.7 (18.7 - 18.7)	7/8/2024	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60	(N/A)	SGL	11.6 (11.6 - 11.6)	7/8/2024	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection

Contaminates with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.
Definitions for the abbreviations are noted on Page 2

This water supply obtains all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.

<u>Original Supply ID</u>	<u>Original Supply Name</u>
IA2100701	Iowa Lakes Regional Water

Our water system purchases water from the system shown below. Their water quality is as follows:

Iowa Lakes Regional Water - 01 - Wells 1, 4-11 - CLAY WATER TREATMENT PLANT TAP

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)		Compliance		Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
			Type	Value & (Range)			
Fluoride (ppm)	4	(4)	RAA	0.54 (0.48 - 0.61)	2025	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium (ppm)	2	(2)	SGL	0.0218	4/12/2022	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	(N/A)	SGL	4.75	4/16/2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Manganese (ppm)	HA 0.3 (ppm)		SGL	<0.01	10/27/2025	No	Naturally occurring element found in soil, water, and air.
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10	(10)	SGL	0.138	4/16/2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Dickens Water Works is pleased to present to our customers quality water that meets and exceeds all federal and state requirements.

Dickens Water Works is pleased to present the Water Quality Report, designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver.

GENERAL INFORMATION - 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 posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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).

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Our water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly.. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formulas, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact DICKENS WATER WORKS at 712-262-8847. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead tap sampling data can be found in the Iowa Drinking Water Data Portal: <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/iowadrinkingwater>

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact Dickens Water Works.

Please contact Kelly Graplar with any questions at
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DEFINITIONS

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.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)-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.

ppb-parts per billion

ppm-parts per million

pCi/L-picocuries per liter

N/A-Not applicable

ND-Not detected

RAA-Running Annual Average

TT (Treatment Technique)-A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

AL (Action Level)-The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

MRDLG (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.

MRDL (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.

SGL-Single Sample Result

RTCR-Revised Total Coliform Rule

NTU- Nephelometric Turbidity Units