

# Borough Of Fleetwood

PWSID #3060029

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Water Testing  
Performed in 2020

*Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, ó hable con alguien que lo entienda.*

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 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 run-off, 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 run-off and residential uses.
- 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 run-off 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 assure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and DEP prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA and DEP regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* (800-426-4791).

### 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. Fleetwood Borough 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

<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Important Health Information:

**Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as a person with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from 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 (1-800-426-4791).**

## 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report of the Borough of Fleetwood

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We routinely monitor for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State Laws. The table shows the results of this monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data is from prior years in accordance with the Safe Water Drinking Act. The date has been noted on the sampling results table. Our groundwater sources are 6 wells in Ruscombmanor Township, 1 well in Richmond Township, and 1 well in Fleetwood Borough.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact our Water Commissioner, Craig Conrad at the Borough office 610-944-8220. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you want to learn more, please attend our regularly scheduled monthly meetings. They are held on the second Monday of every month at 6:30pm in the Community Center at 110 W. Arch Street, Fleetwood, PA.

<b>CONTAMINANT (unit of measurement)</b>	<b>MCL in CCR Units</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Violation Y/N</b>	<b>Sources of Contamination</b>
<b>Chemical Contaminants</b>							
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	1.24	1.16 – 1.33	3/2020	N	Runoff from fertilizer use
Fluoride (ppm)*	2	2	0.35	0 – 0.35	2/20/2018	N	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	60	n/a	4.7	2.92-6.48	9/2020	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (ppb)	80	n/a	27.6	5.1-50.1	8/2020	N	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	1.30	1.11 – 1.5	2020	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.06	0.022 - 0.113	2/20/2018	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	2	0 – 0.002	2/20/2018	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	15	0	0.606	N/A	2/20/2018	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	0.788	N/A	2/20/2018	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Uranium (ug/L)	30	0	0.998	N/A	2/20/2018	N	Erosion of natural deposits

<b>Entry Point Disinfectant Residual</b>							
<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>Minimum Disinfectant Residual</b>	<b>Lowest Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Violation Y/N</b>	<b>Sources of Contamination</b>	
Chlorine EP 101 (ppm)	0.4	.64	.64-1.84	2/2020	N	Water additive used to control microbes.	
Chlorine EP 103 (ppm)	0.4	.51	.51-2.29	7/2020	N	Water additive used to control microbes.	
Chlorine EP 104 (ppm)	0.4	.43	.43-2.04	1/2020	N	Water additive used to control microbes.	

<b>Lead and Copper</b>							
<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>Action Level (AL)</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>90<sup>th</sup> Percentile Value</b>	<b># of Sites above AL of Total Sites</b>	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Violation Y/N</b>	<b>Sources of Contamination</b>
Copper* (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.0646	0 out of 24	2019	N	Corrosion of household plumbing
Lead* (ppb)	15	0	0	0 out of 24	2019	N	Corrosion of household plumbing

<b>Microbial</b>							
<b>Contaminants</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>Highest # or % of Positive Samples</b>	<b>Violation Y/N</b>	<b>Sources of Contamination</b>		
Total Coliform Bacteria	For systems that collect < 40 samples/month: •More than 1 positive monthly sample	0	0	N	Naturally present in the environment.		
Fecal Coliform Bacteria or <i>E. coli</i>	0	0	0	N	Human and animal fecal waste.		

\*\* We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected; however, the DEP has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels. The PA Department of Environmental Protection allows the Authority to test for some contaminants less often than annually because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, is not from 2019.

**In our continuing efforts to maintain a dependable water supply, it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements.**

**We at the Borough of Fleetwood work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources. Please check out our website at [www.fleetwoodboro.com](http://www.fleetwoodboro.com) for additional information about the Borough.**

## **Reminder to all residents within the Borough of Fleetwood**

### **Pools**

**All pools over 24" depth need a building permit; even inflatable pools.**

### **Weed Ordinance #343**

**Weeds and other vegetation not edible or planted for ornamental purpose shall be cut if in excess of 10" in height.**

### **Yard Sale Ordinance #539**

**Obtain permit prior to sale; limit 2 sales per calendar year.**

### **Shade Tree Commission**

**Obtain permit to remove or plant any tree, shrub or other woody plant in the area between the curb and sidewalk. Any tree within this area must have a clearance of 14 feet from ground level to accommodate borough trucks.**



## What's In My Water?

In the summary table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms and abbreviations we've provided you with the following definitions:

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

**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 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 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 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.

**Minimum Residual Disinfectant Level (MinRDL)** - The minimum level of residual disinfectant required at the entry point to the distribution system.

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

**Detection Limit** - The lowest level detected by the laboratory.

**Non-Detectable (ND)** - A result below the detection limit for the chemical

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - Measure of turbidity using a specific instrument to measure the cloudiness of water.

**Mrem/year** = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

**pCi/L** = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**ppb** = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

**ppm** = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

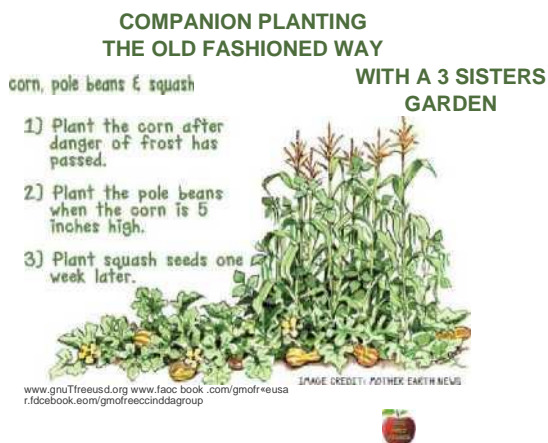
**ppq** = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

**ppt** = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter



## TIPS TO SAVE WATER AND GARDEN WHEN IT'S TOO HOT

1. Add compost to help trap moisture and encourage deep root formation in plants. Cover with a thick layer of mulch to keep down weeds that compete with your vegetables and flowers for water and nutrients.
2. Plant your garden in a block style rather than in rows to create shade and reduce water evaporation. Grouping plants together with similar water requirements.
3. Use companion gardening planting techniques like "The Three Sisters Garden".
4. Plant early before the hot dry days of summer to allow the root system to develop to survive the hotter days.
5. Deep watering will train roots to grow deep into the ground.
6. A drop irrigation system will deploy water where needed and potentially reduce water consumption by as much as 50%.
7. Water pots in the afternoon and your garden in the morning. Avoid evening watering as night-time temperatures often are inadequate to dry the moisture on the leaves.
8. Any time a plant is showing signs of distress is the time to water them, even if in the middle of the day. Waiting too long to water may be too late.
9. Harvest water: install a water tank, save your cooking water, and reuse fish tank water.
10. Know what stage of development your plants need water most. Eggplant, peppers, tomatoes and vining crops like cucumbers, melons and squash are frequently overwatered and is only critical during flowering and fruiting.



Sources: <http://themicrogardener.com/ten-water-saving-tips-for-your-garden/> and <http://themicrogardener.com/ten-water-saving-tips-for-your-garden/>