



# 2016 WATER QUALITY REPORT

WATER TESTING PERFORMED IN 2015

BUTLER COUNTY WATER SYSTEM  
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## WHERE DOES MY WATER COME FROM?

Butler County Water System, Inc. draws its water from the Green River, a surface water source, which flows through Butler County. The water is supplied to the areas north and south of the Green River and is treated by Butler Water at its water treatment plant located in Morgantown.

The Safe Drinking Water Act, amended in 1996, requires Community Public Water Systems to prepare a source water assessment report. The report includes a Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) that summarizes our susceptibility to contamination.

An analysis indicates that our system's susceptibility to contamination is generally moderate. Areas of concern include potential contaminant sources such as bridges, underground storage tanks, an active landfill and agricultural chemical use in the area near and surrounding the raw water intake.

The final source water assessment plan with complete information of the system's susceptibility to potential sources of contamination is available for review at the Barren River Area Development District office located at 177 Graham Avenue in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Our goal is to provide the best water and customer service to Butler County residents. Our customers are our top priority and an important part of our everyday efforts. We continually look for ways to stay involved in our community and to develop ways to educate customers on water quality. Our website, [butlerwater.com](http://butlerwater.com), provides customers access to water quality information and facts about their water utility. Also, general brochures, Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs), and various other Butler Water publications are available for customer service and educational purposes.

## WATER QUALITY

### Delivering Quality and Commitment in Every Drop!

Butler Water continually performs numerous tests to ensure your drinking water is safe. Butler Water tests the purity of the water over 100 times a year to ensure the safety of your drinking water. In 2015, the water was tested for over 100 regulated contaminants, and met or exceeded all state and federal quality standards.

## WHY ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN MY 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 may be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water, both tap 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 may pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. To ensure that tap water

is safe to drink, U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that shall provide the same protection for public health.

## WHAT ARE THESE CONTAMINANTS? MICROBIAL CONTAMINANTS

Viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

### INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS

Salts and metals, that may be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic waste water discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

### PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES

May come from a variety of sources such as agricultural, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

### ORGANIC CHEMICAL CONTAMINANTS

Synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

### RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS

May be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## SPECIAL HEALTH INFORMATION

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. Butler Water 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>.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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.



# 2015 TEST RESULTS

The data presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with Administrative Regulation 401 KAR Chapter 8. As authorized and approved by EPA, the State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data in this table, though representative, may be more than one year old. Unless otherwise noted, the report level is the highest level detected.

	Allowable Levels		Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly %	Violation	Likely Source	
Turbidity (NTU) (Continuously)	Never more than 1 NTU. Less than 0.3 NTU's 95% of monthly samples		0.17	100	No	Soil Runoff	
Regulated Contaminant Test Results							
Contaminant (Units)	MCL	MCLG	Report Level	Range of Detection	Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source
Inorganic Contaminants							
Arsenic (ppb)	10	N/A	0.5	0.5	Feb-15	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.028	0.028	Feb-15	No	Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm) (Level found is 90th percentile. No sites exceeded the AL)	AL = 1.3	1.3	0.065	0.004 to 0.110	Aug-15	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (ppb) (Level found is 90th percentile. No sites exceeded the AL)	AL = 15	15	0.8	0 to 2.5	Aug-15	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.7	0.6 to 0.7	2015	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	1.9	1.9	2015	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors							
Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (measured as ppm but reported as a ratio)	TT*	N/A	1.11 Lowest Average	1.04 to 2.45 Monthly Ratios	2015	No	Naturally present in the environment.
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL 4	MRDLG 4	1.34 Highest Average	0.25 to 2.17	2015	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
HAA's [haloacetic acids] (ppb) (Individual Sites)	60	N/A	57	12 to 84	2015	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
TTHM [total trihalomethanes] (ppb) (reported as highest locational running average)	80	N/A	59	12 to 78	2015	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Unregulated Contaminants (ppb)**							
1, 4-dioxane	N/A	N/A	0.05	0 to 0.10	2015	No	
Chromium, Total	N/A	N/A	0.36	0.37 to 0.42	2015	No	
Chromium-6	N/A	N/A	0.15	0.11 to 0.19	2015	No	
Strontium	N/A	N/A	163	110 to 259	2015	No	
Vanadium	N/A	N/A	0.22	0 to .38	2015	No	

\* Ratio is the monthly % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required Annual average of the monthly ratios must be 1.00 or greater for compliance.

\*\*Our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that don't yet have a drinking water standard set by EPA. The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that these data are available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact our office during normal business hours.

#### Additional comments about the test results shown

Total Coliform Bacteria - In 2015, BCWS conducted sampling for Total Coliform Bacteria over 180 times. Coliforms were not found in any of the samples tested.

## Terms to know when reading the water test results:

### AL (ACTION LEVEL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system shall follow.

### BDL (BELOW DETECTION LEVEL)

Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present

### 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.

### MRDL (MAXIMUM RESIDUAL DISINFECTANT LEVEL)

The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

### MRDLG (MAXIMUM RESIDUAL DISINFECTANT LEVEL GOAL)

The highest 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.

### NTU (NEPHELOMETRIC TURBIDITY UNIT)

A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

### N/A (NOT APPLICABLE)

Does not apply.

### PPM (PARTS PER MILLION)

One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years, or a single penny in \$10,000.

### PPB (PARTS PER BILLION)

One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

### pCi/L (PICOCURIES PER LITER)

A measure of radioactivity in water.

### TT (TREATMENT TECHNIQUE)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

# BUTLER WATER'S COMMITMENT FLOWS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY

## BUTLER WATER IS COMMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY

We take great pride in providing water for homes and businesses throughout Butler County. Clean, safe drinking water is a mainstay of healthy, vibrant communities, and we are committed to ensuring these services are affordable and available to our region now and in the future. Our commitment also includes planning, construction and maintenance to ensure our facilities are continuously meeting our customers' needs. We believe being good stewards of our natural resources is not only a choice, but an obligation. With a diverse blend of residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial customers, Butler Water serves over 4,800 water customers with an average of 900,000 gallons of water each day.

### WE ARE GROWING TO SERVE YOU BETTER

Our new office, located in the Rose Plaza at 1118 South Main Street, Suite 1, will open on June 6, 2016 and will be equipped with a convenient drive-thru window as well as handicap access. Please join us on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm for a ribbon cutting and open house.

### AFFORDABLE & RELIABLE SERVICE

Butler Water's use of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system (SCADA) allows the water system to be operated reliably 24 hours per day, seven days per week with a minimum number of full time personnel.

### CAPACITY UPGRADE

In 2015, a Treatment Plant expansion was completed. The treatment capacity increased from 1.5 million gallons per day to 2 million gallons per day. The addition of high tech system controls improved pumping efficiency, reducing energy consumption drastically.

### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Butler Water has plans to repaint the Hwy 70 and Jetson tanks in 2016.

### ROCHESTER DAM MANAGEMENT

The Rochester Dam Regional Water Commission (RDRWC) commenced a twenty-five year management lease with the US Army Corps of Engineers to preserve Green River Lock and Dam No. 3, known as Rochester Dam. The lease enables RDRWC to protect and preserve the pool level that

is a vital water supply for the region. The pool of Green River Lock and Dam No. 3 provides the only water source for healthy, safe drinking water to nearly 50,000 residents in Ohio, Butler, and Muhlenberg Counties.

## DELIVERING QUALITY AND COMMITMENT IN EVERY DROP

This Water Quality Report (also known as a Consumer Confidence Report) provides information on the quality of the water, and steps we take to ensure that quality. This brochure shows results from testing conducted from January through December 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Renick, Communications Administrator at 270-842-0052, or visit our website at [butlerwater.com](http://butlerwater.com).

## WATER CONSERVATION

Water Conservation is an important step in protecting our water supply. Conservation not only protects our environment but also saves you money by lowering your monthly water bill.

Additional information on how to conserve water can be obtained from the US EPA web site at: [www.epa.gov/safewater/publicoutreach/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/publicoutreach/index.html)

- Fix leaking faucets, pipes, hoses, etc.
- Replace old plumbing fixtures and install water-saving devices in your faucets, toilets and other appliances.
- Wash only full loads of laundry.
- Run the dishwasher only when it is full.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or washing your hands.
- Water the lawn and garden early in the morning or late in the afternoon.
- Use mulch around your plants and shrubs.
- Don't leave the hose running while washing your car.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON WATER QUALITY

Butler County Water System, Inc. :  
270-526-4656 [butlerwater.com](http://butlerwater.com)

Kentucky Rural Water Association:  
270-843-2291 [krwa.org](http://krwa.org)

Kentucky Division of Water:  
502-564-3410 [water.ky.gov](http://water.ky.gov)

U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline:  
800-426-4791 [epa.gov/safewater/hfacts.html](http://epa.gov/safewater/hfacts.html)

### GET INVOLVED

We appreciate your comments and the opportunity to serve you. Butler Water Board Meetings are open to the public and are held at 4:30 PM on the third Tuesday of every other month at the Butler Water office located at 1118 South Main Street, Suite 1, Morgantown, KY. Please call us at 270-526-4656 for more information.

### THE BUTLER WATER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Weymouth Martin Jr. - President  
David Martin - Vice President  
Garry Robbins - Secretary/Treasurer  
Don Lindsey  
Danny Farris

### ATTORNEY

Richard Deye

### BUTLER WATER STAFF

John Dix - General Manager  
Ryan Leisey - Manager of Engineering & Construction  
Jeff Peebles - Manager of Finance & Administration  
Alex Renick - Communications Administrator

### ATTENTION

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.



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## AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN

### Make Every Drop Of Your Time And Money Count

#### WHAT ARE ADVANTAGES OF THE AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN?

You can save time and money because your bill is automatically paid on its due date each month. This eliminates check writing, trips to pay your bill and/or postage, and any chance of a late charge or collection fee.

#### IS THE AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN SAFE AND SECURE?

YES! Butler Water and our financial institutions are required to keep your banking information confidential.

#### WHAT IF I DON'T AGREE WITH THE AMOUNT ON MY WATER BILL

If you have any questions, contact our office at 270-526-4656 as soon as possible after receiving your bill.

#### WHEN WOULD THE AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN START?

Automatic payments will begin with your next billing cycle.

A message will appear on your monthly statement when your account has been set up for automatic payment. If you would like to stop the Automatic Payment Plan, notify us and your request will become effective within 10 working days after receiving your notification.

#### ENTER TO WIN THE QUARTERLY \$25 PRIZE?

You will be entered into our quarterly drawings as soon as your account is set up on the Automatic Payment Plan. You will be eligible to win as long as your account stays on the Plan. Please inquire when you sign up. You could be the next winner!

## PAPERLESS BILLING & ONLINE PAYMENT

### Another Great Way To Manage Your Account

#### WHY SIGN UP?

- A monthly e-mail is sent when your bill is available to view and pay
- Provides online access to your most recent bills and payments
- No checks to write, stamps to buy or paper bills to file.
- View up to 24 months billing history.

#### HOW TO GET STARTED

- SAVE YOUR BILL! You will need your customer and account numbers.
- Login to our website: [www.butlerwater.com](http://www.butlerwater.com)
- Press Pay Bill / Access Account
- Register to see detailed account information and sign up for E-Billing
- Make only a quick payment. No registration required.