



**Dear customers,**  
When we turn on the tap and out flows safe, clean, high-quality drinking water, sometimes we take for granted all the steps and resources that go into making this happen. We are looking

forward to Drinking Water Week this year, to be able to celebrate and talk about all things water. Please reserve your spot to join us at the **Ann Arbor Drinking Water Treatment Plant on Saturday, May 7** for a tour of the plant as well as activities and conversations about water.

Jen Lawson, City of Ann Arbor's Water Quality Manager, will join us at the event to talk with residents about stormwater and water infrastructure. Huron River Watershed Council staff will be available with information about the Huron River, one of our main sources of drinking water. City of Ann Arbor's Public Works unit will also attend with a Vactor truck to show you how they work to keep the city's infrastructure functioning. If you would like to attend, please make sure to sign up in advance to reserve your spot. Event will be outdoors rain or shine, with a maximum of 15 participants per tour. To sign up, visit <https://www.a2gov.org/pages/calendar.aspx> and click the "Sign Up" button next to the May 7 time slot of your choosing.

As always, please continue to contact us if you have questions about your drinking water at [water@a2gov.org](mailto:water@a2gov.org) or in the case of an emergency you can reach us by phone at 734.794.6426.

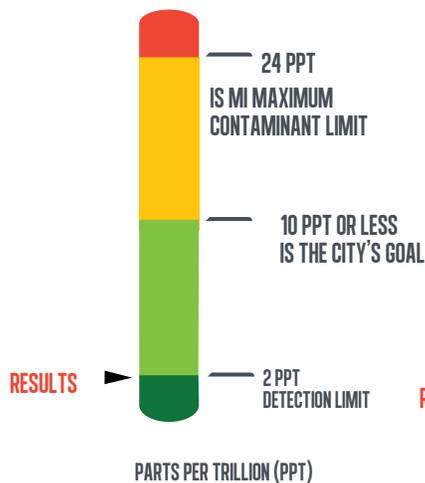
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Drinking Water Quality Manager

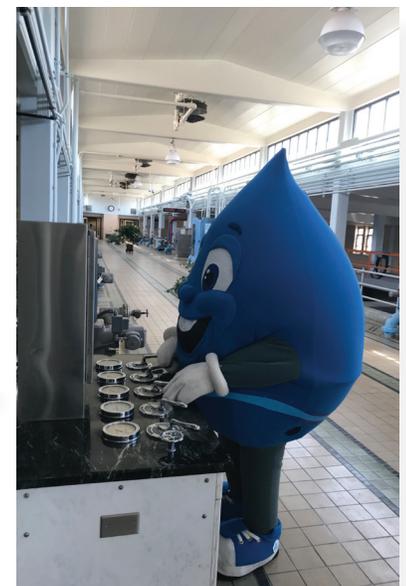
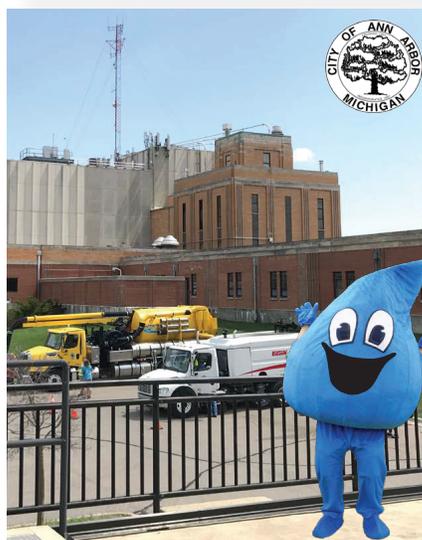
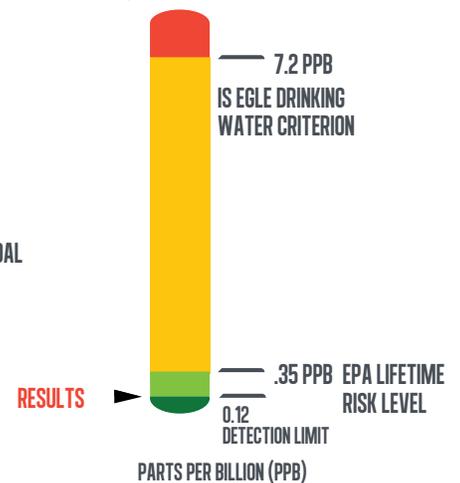
### MONTHLY WATER QUALITY DASHBOARD



#### PFOS/PFOA



#### 1,4-DIOXANE



## IMPORTANT REMINDER: No wipes, gloves or grease in the pipes!

Right now, it is more important than ever to take simple steps to help maintain functionality of private and public plumbing and sewer systems. Wipes, disposable gloves, facial tissues and paper towels should be disposed of properly in the garbage and never flushed down the toilet, as these items create blockages in household pipes and municipal sewer systems. Fats, oil and greases should also never be poured into toilets or down the drain.



### ARPA Funding to Assist Galvanized Service Line Replacement Project

In 2021, the City of Ann Arbor was informed that it would be awarded \$24.2 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. Following that notice, the City Council directed the City Administrator to prepare a plan for allocating the funds. On Oct. 1, 2021 the City Administrator sent a plan to Council outlining potential eligible projects and recommending a public engagement campaign to help prioritize the funds. Following that, City Council adopted resolution R-21-396 which directed a public engagement campaign and directed the City Administrator to provide a final allocation plan by March 1, 2022. Staff engaged in a robust public engagement campaign in January and February of 2022 which resulted in more than 250 attendees at virtual town halls and more than 2,500 participants in an online survey. On Feb. 25, 2022, the City Administrator communicated a report on the outcome of the public engagement campaign and final draft recommendation for Council's approval.

On April 4, 2022 Council approved APRA funding allocations, including \$2 million to the Galvanized Water

Service Line Replacement project. This project replaces galvanized water service lines in the city that were once connected to lead pipes. The city had previously budgeted \$1 million per year for service line replacements so these additional funds will enable the city to complete service line replacements at a faster rate than originally planned. The city is still in the process of completing its service line inventory to determine exactly how many lines qualify for replacement but based on data collected to date, it is estimated that there are approximately 800 lines to be replaced. The city began replacements in 2020 and has replaced 181 service lines to date.

A [map is available](#) for the public to view this information. As service line material is verified, the map will be updated to reflect current data. The map also reflects those lines that have been determined to be eligible for replacement. The State of Michigan requires the replacement of all publicly and privately-owned water service lines that are, or used to be, connected to lead pipes. Lead can accumulate in galvanized pipes and release when the pipe is disturbed, creating the potential for lead in drinking water.

### May 2022 Water Champion

Congratulations to this month's Water Quality Champion, **Amanda Carl**, Water Utility Supervisor at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP).



Amanda operates the water treatment plant and keeps our water safe using the plant's ozone disinfection system, filtration system and chemical feeds. With an MS in Biology, Amanda has a strong water background and previously served as a WTP operator for the Great Lakes Water Authority. **Thank you** Amanda for your dedication to providing clean drinking water!



### Enjoy the annual Huron River Day Festival Sunday, May 15

Enjoy the beautiful Huron River with free, family-friendly river activities during the Huron River Day festival at Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Road in Ann Arbor, on Sunday, May 15, noon-4 p.m. Learn, explore and have fun celebrating Ann Arbor's wonderful freshwater with discounted boat rentals, children's activities, river exhibits, music and food. Learn more at [www.a2gov.org/HRD](http://www.a2gov.org/HRD). Come out to discover and have fun on the Huron River:

Educational river exhibits, scavenger hunt for children with cool prizes, paddle a boat with \$5 canoe and kayak rentals, ride your bike and your boat is free, classic wooden canoes, try stand-up paddle boarding (SUP), Dirt Doctor with water squirting lessons, live animals with Leslie Science & Nature Center, listen to live music under a tent next to the river and more!