



DRINKING WATER WEEK 2021

YOU'RE INVITED: Celebrate Drinking Water Week with Us!

Help us celebrate national Drinking Water Week May 2-8. While we normally celebrate this week with on-site water treatment plant tours and an open house, due to COVID we will celebrate virtually this year. We encourage community members to [sign up](#) for a 45-minute tour to learn about how the city treats and delivers drinking water to more than 125,000 customers. There will be two tour types, one for ages 10 to adult and one for ages under 10. There are multiple dates and times, but spots are limited so

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Only a few items to share with you this month. First, a new milestone was reached on the Gelman clean up. On April 12, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Director Liesl Clark sent a [letter](#) to Cheryl Newton, Acting

Regional Administrator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 5 requesting that the USEPA reinstate assessment of the Gelman site for the National Priorities Listing (NPL) process. This step does not stop the litigation from proceeding in Washtenaw Circuit Court. An evidentiary hearing is still scheduled for May 3-5 for Gelman, EGLE, and the intervenors.

The second item is that we have completed and posted our [2020 Annual Water Quality Report](#) on our Quality Water Matters website. Inside you will find a reflection on the past year and a summary of a year's worth of water quality data. We are proud to continue to exceed all State and Federal water quality regulations and deliver to you our award-winning drinking water. Be well.

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MONTHLY WATER QUALITY DASHBOARD

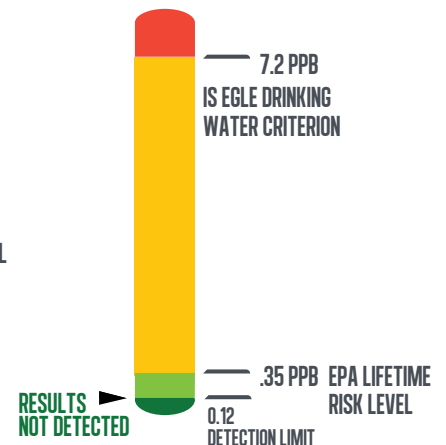


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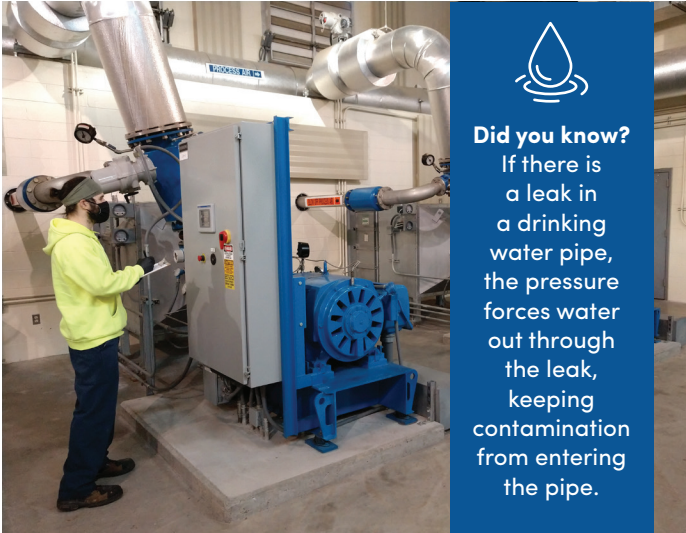
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sign up now! Attendees will also have an opportunity, after the tour, to ask water treatment staff any questions they may have about the city's drinking water. This year's theme is "There when you need it," so sign up today to attend a virtual tour and learn first-hand from the staff who are delivering safe drinking water 24/7, 365 days a year. [Click here to register.](#)



Did you know?

If there is a leak in a drinking water pipe, the pressure forces water out through the leak, keeping contamination from entering the pipe.



Did you know?

The average cost of one gallon of drinking water for Ann Arbor customers is half a penny per gallon and includes delivery to your home or business.



Did you know?

More than 175,000 tests are conducted on your water each year to ensure it remains safe to drink and high quality.

MAY WATER CHAMPIONS

KUDOS!



On April 19, Mayor Christopher Taylor delivered a proclamation to City Council commending City of Ann Arbor employees: **Mike Culpepper, Pat Sturt, Adam Bolgos, Aaron Buza, Rikki Stropich, and Duane Weible** for their quick intervention and decisive

actions that helped save the life of a colleague who experienced a medical emergency on Friday, March 26, 2021. The quick decision-making and actions taken by this heroic group of individuals, along with their CPR/Defibrillator training, provided the tools they needed to save their colleague's life. **Congratulations to these May Water Champion Heroes!**

Why is my water discolored?

Answer: In April, Public Works crews began annual fire hydrant flushing to remove accumulation of minerals in the water pipes and to check water pressures throughout the system. Residents can view a map at www.a2gov.org/publicworks that shows where crews have flushed and where they will flush next.



On occasion, during hydrant flushing, the water in the areas of flushing may temporarily be discolored. The hydrant flushing can disturb iron sediment in the water pipes and cause the discoloration. The water is safe to drink, but it is unsightly. If you have discolored water, you can run your cold water taps for several minutes to clear your lines. It is best to select a tap close to your water meter. You should also flush your toilets once or twice. The water should run clear within a few minutes.

HURON RIVER DAY, EVERY DAY IN MAY!



Learn about river safety, wetlands, shorelines, dams, floodplains and how we benefit from access to the river from the water we drink to the recreational activities we enjoy as a part of Huron River Day, Every Day!

Look for 11 signs located in parks along the Huron River including Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and the Dexter-Huron and Delhi Metroparks. Each sign will feature icons with an activity, educational prompt and an opportunity to participate in the Enviro Challenge (EC). Each EC entry involves taking a picture and tagging yourself then posting to Twitter (@a2parks) or Instagram (@annarborparks) with the hashtag #HuronRiverDay for a chance to win a prize. Thirty prizes in all will be awarded in June! Enter as many times as you like!

Visit WWW.A2GOV.ORG/HRD for sign locations in the parks, prizes, a list of in-person special events in May including guided walks along the river and volunteer opportunities (COVID-19 guidelines will be in place including mask requirements and physical distancing).