

# 2004 Annual Water Quality Report

**Town of Batavia**  
**3833 West Main Street Road**  
**Batavia, New York 14020**  
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We are pleased to inform you of this year's Annual Water Quality Report. The report is designed to inform you about the water quality and the services delivered to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts the City of Batavia and Monroe County Water Authority make to continually improve the water treatment process and to protect their water resources. We (Town of Batavia, City of Batavia, Monroe County Water Authority and Genesee County) are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

A Source Water Assessment was prepared through the Department of Health in 2002. It evaluated our well water sources and determined that there were no significant potential sources of contamination, which could be identified. A Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of the City of Batavia water system was done by the New York State Health Department in July 1998. Both of these documents are available for your inspection at the City of Batavia Water Office, One Batavia City Centre. It provides more information about the water sources, treatment plant and water quality.

If you have any questions concerning your water utility or if you have suggestions on how we can improve our service to you, please contact Rodney Cook, Highway Superintendent at (585) 343-1729 extension 223. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. For questions on health related issues, please contact the Department of Health at (585) 344-2580, extension 5569.

## **Where Does My Water Come From?**

The Town of Batavia purchases the water provided to you from Genesee County. There are four sources from which the water is received and transmitted to the Town. Two of the four sources the City of Batavia receives water from are the Tonawanda Valley Watershed and the Tonawanda Creek. The other two sources Monroe County Water Authority receives water from are Lake Ontario and Hemlock Lake.

## **Facts and Figures**

The Town of Batavia has a population of approximately 6,000 and distributes water to approximately 1,500 customers. A total of 201 million gallons were purchased from the County and 174 million gallons were sold to Town customers. A total of 27 million gallons of water (14%) was not metered. This was water from hydrants, water used for maintenance, used in Kiwanis Park, or water lost in leaks and breaks. The charge for water billed in 2004 was \$3.38 per thousand gallons.

## **Public Forum**

The Batavia Town Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. You are invited to attend these meetings to become informed with the activity in the Town or voice your opinion in the decision making process affecting your water.

## **Special Health Information**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population, 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 may be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The U.S. EPA/CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) 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.

## **Substances expected to be in Drinking Water**

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's 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 water poses a health risk.

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 from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### **Water Conservation Tips**

**Water conservation measures are an important first step in protecting our water supply. Such measures not only save the supply of our source water, but can also save you money by reducing your water bill. Here are a few suggestions:**

- **Fixtures**-Repair leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, hoses, etc.
- **Fixtures & Appliances**-Replace old fixtures; install water-saving devices in faucets, toilets and appliances
- **Laundry**-Wash only full loads of laundry
- **Health Care**-Take shorter showers
- **Health Care**-Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth
- **Cleaning**-Run the dishwasher only when full
- **Drinking Water**-Keep a jug of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the faucet to get cool water
- **Landscaping**-Water the lawn and garden in the early morning or evening
- **Landscaping**-Use mulch around plants and scrubs
- **Landscaping**-Use water saving nozzles

### **Complete Report of What's in My Water:**

You can pick up a copy of the complete 2003 Annual Water Quality Reports at the Batavia Town Hall or you can visit the City of Batavia's website at [www.batavianewyork.com](http://www.batavianewyork.com) and/or Monroe County Water Authority's website at [www.mcwa.com](http://www.mcwa.com).

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