

In order to insure that the tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amounts of certain contaminants in water provided by public systems. Food and Drug Administration 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 these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and the potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The **Jim Thorpe Water Department** conducts water quality tests every year as explained below.

Typical Sources of Detected Substances:

Copper: Corrosion of Household plumbing

Lead: Corrosion of household plumbing.

Nitrate: Fertilizer runoff; Leaching from septic tanks.

Total Organic Carbon: Naturally present in the environment.

Inorganic Compounds: Also known as IOC's are mostly salts and metals many of which occur naturally.

Synthetic Organic Compounds: Also known as SOC's Are another class of man-made contaminates that may be present in ground water

Volatile Organic Compounds: Also known as VOC's generally are by-products of industrial/chemical/and petroleum factories.

Coliform Bacteria: A naturally occurring non-disease-causing bacteria used as an indicator for testing purposes. System samples for coliform is done monthly.

No Coliform was detected in 2021.

LEAD

LEAD SAMPLING BEGAN IN September of 1993. While lead was detected above the action level, it was below the maximum contaminant level. Since then, the Water Department has maintained corrosion control treatment. Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that the lead levels in your home may be higher than at other homes as a result of your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about the lead levels in your home's drinking water, flush the cold water tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before drinking tap water, or have your water tested. Additional information about lead is available for the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791

PA-DEP reports no violation observations for JIM THORPE BOROUGH WATER – EAST
PWSID - 3130043.

CONSUMER WATER TIPS

Conserving water can save you money by reducing your water bill. Following are some tips to that end:

1. Instead of pre-rinsing dishes, try one of the new dishwasher detergents in your dishwasher that can break up stuck on foods and run the dishwasher with full loads only.
2. Many leaks found in homes result from the flapper valve in the toilet tank not sealing properly. Try adding a small amount of blue food coloring to your tank water, let it sit overnight, and check the bowl contents in the morning. If the bowl water is blue, you have a leaking flapper.

3. Try cutting your shower time by 5 or 10 minutes.
4. Install low flow shower heads and faucets (2 -3 gal/min) in your home.
5. Replace washers or the "O" rings (in cartridge type) faucets if they constantly drip when shut off.
6. Water your lawn in the early morning or late evening. Why let the afternoon sun evaporate the water sprayed?
7. Use mulch around plants and shrubs to hold moisture longer.

Jim Thorpe Water Department has entered into an agreement with the SwiftReach Network, Inc. to manage our Public Notification rule, as required by PA-DEP. This will enable us to get in contact with our customers in a quick and efficient way in emergency public notification situations.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF YOUR CURRENT PHONE NUMBER AND/OR ADDRESS CHANGES BY CALLING 570-325-3025 OR EMAIL - secretary@jtborough.org.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Water Treatment Plant at 570-325-2631.

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