

HOUTZDALE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

2025 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

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<https://www.hmawater.com>

This report contains important information about your drinking water

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The Houtzdale Municipal Authority is pleased to present your Water Quality Report for 2025. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water delivered to you in 2025.

Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water which meets and exceeds all Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and United States Environmental Protection Agency quality requirements. To achieve this goal we continuously monitor water quality and we diligently safeguard our water supplies. Once again, we are proud to report your tap water met all federal and state drinking water standards.

BOARD MEETINGS

If you would like to learn more about the Municipal Authority, please plan to attend any of our regularly scheduled board meetings. These meetings are held at our Kirk Street office on the **third Monday of each month at 4:00 P.M.** unless otherwise advertised in the Clearfield Progress.

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SOURCE WATER

Our drinking water sources include the surface waters of the Moshannon Creek and the Mountain Branch. These stream sources are blended with any of four groundwater wells drawing from the Elliot Park-Burgoon sandstone aquifer. Together, these sources supply up to 2.1 million gallons of water each day to the drinking water treatment facility on Kirk Street. A full assessment of our source waters is available for review at the water treatment facility laboratory.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Houtzdale Municipal Authority routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to state and federal laws. The table on the last page of this document lists the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st 2025 through December, 31st 2025. All drinking water, including bottled water, is reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It is important to know that the presence of contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and their potential health effects may be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791). Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general public. Immuno-compromised 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 for infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers.

HEALTH INFORMATION

In order to ensure that tap water is drinkable, the EPA has set limits through regulations for certain contaminants in drinking water provided by public water systems. The Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) are set at very low levels because of the potential adverse health effects to the general public.

The Houtzdale Municipal Authority had no water quality violations in 2025.

INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD

The Houtzdale Municipal Authority is currently preparing an EPA/DEP mandated inventory of each service line in our system. This tedious process requires us to inspect the service line where it enters your home. While we are gathering this information, please cooperate with the utility by calling our business office at 814-378-8131 to schedule a time we may inspect your service line.

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. The Houtzdale Municipal Authority is responsible for providing safe, high quality drinking water to your tap, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in home plumbing components. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your families risk. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for up to two minutes before using your tap water for drinking or cooking. You can also use a filter certified by the American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to the contaminants listed on the final page of this report, many others are tested for but are not present at detectable levels. If you would like further information about the testing or sampling of your drinking water, please contact the filtration facility operator during regular business hours: Monday through Friday 7:00A.M. to 3:30P.M. at 814-378-8131.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY CONTACT: 1-800-843-5028

More information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)

SPECIAL STATEMENTS

In 2024 The Houtzdale Municipal Authority began quarterly testing for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). All sample results for 2024 were non-detect.

HELP US IDENTIFY LEAKS:

The authority employees work diligently to find and repair leaks in the system. Please, if you think your home plumbing is leaking, investigate it and fix it. **Repairing a leaky faucet or leaking toilet can pay for itself in less than one billing cycle!** If you see evidence of or suspect leaking water anywhere in the system please call the HMA office (378-8131) and report it. Our high quality drinking water sources are finite, please help us preserve and conserve them.

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