

TALK OF THE TOWNSHIP

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Spring/Summer 2026

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE

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Monday-Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

BOARD MEETINGS

Public Welcome

Township Board

1st & 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m.

Park Commission

1st Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

2nd Thursday 7:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

Robert G. Lewandowski, Jr.

Supervisor

Benita E. Davis

Clerk

Peter Shonka

Treasurer

Trustees

Donald Dudas

Dawn Fulk

Pat Pringle

John Reno

SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, I hope everyone made it ok through the winter and that you are ready for spring and summer. Now that spring is here, again I want to ask that residents keep their ditches and culverts clean of leaves, branches, and trash. The flow of water in ditches after heavy rain and vehicles speeding on Township roads are two of the main complaints I get. Please slow down, and leave a couple minutes earlier if you have to. Families are out walking and biking along the roads and we want them to be safe.

We have a couple major projects happening this year. The sewer lift station on Maywood Dr. is getting a total reconstruction utilizing \$1,450,000.00 in federal funds, requested and received through Congresswoman McLain's office. The second project is the reconstruction of Atkins Rd. with the addition of a paved shoulder on the south side of the road to give residents a place to walk or ride their bikes, out of the lane of traffic. The added paved shoulder on Strawberry Lane received good reviews so we are also doing it with this project as well. There will also be some maintenance work on other various roads in the township.

As of this writing, we have applied for funding for water main replacements for the areas west of 24th Street to 27th Street and north of the railroad tracks to Howard Street. These funds were also requested through Congresswoman McLain's office in the amount of 3.2 million dollars. Her office recommended funding this project, so hopefully I will be getting good news to share in the next newsletter.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve as Supervisor of our great township. Port Huron Township turns 200 years old in 2027. We are looking at ideas and events for our celebration next year. Please contact me at rlewandowski@phtwpmi.gov or call at 810-987-6600 ext.18 with any suggestions or questions.

Bob Lewandowski, Township Supervisor

BURNING PERMITS

This springtime cold weather brings a delay in getting outside. Please remember that if you want to have an open fire on your property, you must have a burning permit from the township. Bonfires, camp fires, burning brush, etc., must be done with a permit. Stop by the Township Offices from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday, or beginning June 1st, during our Summer Hours, 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday thru Thursday. You may also obtain a burning permit on our website, www.porthurontownship.org. The cost is \$15.00 and the permit is good until March 1st of 2027. When you obtain a burning permit, you are agreeing to abide by the Burning Regulations that are printed on the back. Remember, burning without a permit can result in a fine of up to \$500.

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PORT HURON TOWNSHIP HERITAGE MUSEUM – NOW OPEN!

Step back in time and discover the stories that shaped our community! The Port Huron Township Heritage Museum reopens April 15 th from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Stop by, explore local history, and don't forget to ring the historical schoolhouse bell!

Regular Hours:

- 1st Sunday of the month: 1:00–5:00 p.m.
- 3rd Wednesday of the month: 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- Or by appointment (810-987-6600)

Located just behind the Township Offices, the Malane Schoolhouse Museum and the historic caboose are ready to welcome visitors of all ages!

Upcoming Event:

Open House celebrating our local history and our Fire Department: June 13th th , 12:00–4:00 p.m.

- See Engine 1 ladder truck and other emergency vehicles including rescue equipment
- Entertainment provided by DJ Gunns Services
- St. Clair County Farm Museum - tractor displays and wagon rides
- The Property Farms and McCallum`s Orchard & Cider Mill concession trailer - featuring hot dogs, pulled pork, walking tacos, donuts, cider, chips and quesadillas (chicken or cheese).
- Prize draws will take place on the hour beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- St. Clair County Genealogy & History Society - family research
- Tour the Grand Trunk Western Caboose
- Port Huron Township's very own 1913 Steam Engine on display
- Children's arts and crafts
- Blue Water Snowie (vendor truck)

Get Involved!

Volunteers are always welcome. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Contact the Township Offices or email phtwpmuseum@gmail.com to learn more or use the QR codes below!



Learn more about
the Museum's history



Apply to be a museum Volunteer

Trivia: How old will Port Huron Charter Township be in 2027?
Find the answer on the museum's outdoor bulletin board!

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DPW NEWS

Well hello it is that time of year again; sunshine and outdoor activities. I hope everyone had a great winter and has an amazing summer. We had a few things we were working on over the fall/winter starting with 7 watermain breaks, 4 hydrant replacements, 9 water service taps, and 4 sewer lateral taps. If any of these occurred in your yard we will be out as the weather gets nicer to repair the damage. We will be doing more service line verification this summer as well as the meter replacements. We are currently tagging houses for the water meter replacement program. If you get tagged 3 times, that 3rd notice will be a shut-off. So, if you could schedule after receiving the first notice, that would be greatly appreciated.

To better serve the property owners in Port Huron Township, the DPW extends their workday hours from May through September annually. Beginning May 4, 2026 and running through September 26, 2026, DPW hours will be 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We will accommodate Saturday appointments as well for the water meter program.

As always please be mindful of utility contractors working on the roadside. You can contact me via email at dduman@phtwpmi.gov with any concerns or questions. Thank you and have a great summer.

Dan Duman, DPW Superintendent

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE NEWS

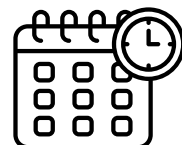
As Kim Riedel moves towards retirement, Port Huron Township is pleased to introduce our new full time Assessor, Angela Swoffer. Angela is a Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer and has her Personal Property License. She comes to us with 11 years of Assessing experience and is looking forward to getting to know the residents of Port Huron Township and building lasting relationships.

Welcome, Angela!

DID YOU PURCHASE YOUR HOME IN 2025? Proposal A, passed by the voters in 1994, requires that in the year following the sale, the taxable value of the property must be made equal to the state equalized value of the property. This change will result in an increase in property tax liability. Typically when you purchase a property, you pay into an escrow account for property taxes and insurance. The property tax amount is calculated based on the most recent property tax amounts available. If you purchased your home in 2025, it is almost a certainty that your property tax liability will be significantly higher in 2026. This will result in a shortfall in your escrow account. If additional payments are not made during 2026, your escrow company will double the shortfall, divide it by 12, and increase your mortgage payment accordingly. For example, a \$1200 shortfall in 2026 will need to be repaid to your escrow company. The escrow company assumes that if the account was short \$1200 in 2026, it would also be short that amount in 2027. Therefore, they add the amounts together (\$2400), divide it by 12, and increase your house payment by \$200 per month in 2027. There is a way to get ahead of the shortfall and not experience the large increase in 2027. If you purchased your home in 2025, please call Penny at 810-987-6600, ext 20 for an estimated additional escrow payment calculation.

**IN THE MONTHS
OF JULY, AUGUST
AND SEPTEMBER,
THE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETS
ONCE PER
MONTH. THE
SCHEDULED
DATES ARE:
JULY 20
AUGUST 17
SEPTEMBER 21**

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS



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TREASURER'S REPORT

2025 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DELINQUENT: All real property taxes are payable to the St. Clair County Treasurer. Call before mailing for the correct payment amount. The County Treasurer's number is 810-989-6915. Delinquent personal property taxes are still payable at our office. Personal property tax parcel identification numbers begin with 74-28-999 or 74-28-998. The bill is subject to penalty compounded monthly, so please call for the current outstanding balance before submitting payment. Unpaid delinquent personal property taxes subject the personal property to seizure and sale. If you have any questions regarding any delinquent property taxes, call our office at 810-987-6600 ext 22 or 23.

SUMMER TAX BILLS

The Summer 2026 tax bills will be mailed out on or around July 1st. Please be aware that if you purchased your home in mid-June or later, updated owner information may not have been received before the time of printing. It is very important that you contact our office if you do not receive a tax bill. Call 810-987-6600, ext 22 or 23

Peter Shonka, Treasurer

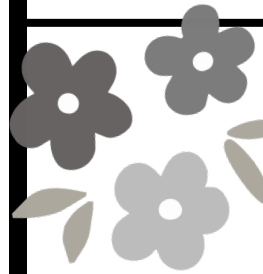
CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

Township ordinances address many requirements that are important to property owners and renters alike. Please take a moment to review this list as a reminder to all residents:

- All houses must have an address posted, either on the mailbox, the house, or both, and it must be visible from the road.
- Trash cans are to be stored behind the front of the house, or in the garage.
- Unlicensed/uninsured vehicles must be stored inside an enclosed area or they must be removed from the property.
- RV's, boats, scooters, side by sides, trailers, and any type of motor operated device must be stored either in a garage or behind the front of the house.
- Brush, trash, debris, and other blight must be removed from the property.
- Grass and/or weeds are not to exceed 6" in height.

The Code Enforcement department appreciates the efforts of residents and local businesses to ensure that Port Huron Township is a safe and appealing community in which to work and live.

installation. We are so fortunate and forever grateful to the donor who both designed and built our new structure. Please keep an eye out for this exciting change! As always, our Little Food Pantry is successful because of the community members and neighbors who donate to keep it stocked and available to those in need. If you would like to become more involved or have questions about this community driven resource, please reach out to Penny Simpson at 810-987-6600, ext. 20.



PLANTING REMINDER

As a reminder, fire hydrants and manholes need to be visible and accessible to township staff and emergency personnel. Please do not plant shrubs, trees, or other vegetation that will impede their access.



Our Little Food Pantry structure has served this community well, and will soon be retired. Due to the incredible generosity of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, a brand new, customized pantry structure will take its place, as soon as the weather allows for



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ELECTION NEWS

June 25th – Absentee Ballots are available

July 25th (Sat.) - Early Vote Site is open every day 8:30 – 4:30 through August 2nd (Sun.)

August 4th - Primary Elections Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Early voting is still relatively new. Our early voting site is at our Township Office Building, 3800 Lapeer Road. You can stop on any of the 9 days (listed above) between the hours of 8:30-4:30 and cast your vote into the tabulator. Ballots are secured until 8:00 p.m. on August 4th and tabulated at that time with all of the ballots cast.

Visit Michigan.gov/vote to:

- View a sample ballot
- Find out if you're registered to vote
- Find your voting location
- Track your absentee ballot
- And much more!



ELECTION INSPECTORS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals that have availability on election days (Tuesday August 4th and November 3rd) that would be willing to work serving our community assisting in the process. Training provided. If you are interested, please see the online application at www.phtwpmi.gov (Election Department) or give us a call today!

BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Spring is the time when many homeowners think about constructing sheds, fences, pools, or even additions to their homes. Please be aware that a permit is typically required prior to placing or erecting any of these structures. Fences and sheds under 200 square feet require a zoning permit. The application should include a survey or drawing of the property showing existing structures, with the proposed new structure drawn in and setback information. This ensures that the proposed location meets zoning ordinance requirements. Permits cost \$50.00 and are typically approved within three to five business days. Other structures such as pools over 24" deep and larger sheds, garages, or barns over 200 ft.², as well as additions, windows, roofing or structural alterations require a building permit. The permit application must include details of the work and a survey or drawing of the property as well. The Building Inspector will review the application and once approved, Mike Hernandez, Building Department Assistant, will contact you. Permits and inspections are also required for any plumbing, heating, or electrical work. The Building Department section of our website at www.porthurontownship.org is a great resource if you are in the planning phase of your next project or if you are ready to complete an application. All permit applications are available along with useful requirements and regulations. If you have questions, please contact the Building Department at 810-987-6600, ext. 14 or email Mike Hernandez at mhernandez@phtwpmi.gov.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that connection of your roof downspouts, foundation drains (sump pumps) or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to the sanitary sewer system (directly or indirectly) are prohibited in the Township? Water from your downspouts and sump pump should discharge into your yard, an appropriate drainage structure, or storm sewer (where permitted).

Every downspout and sump pump that is incorrectly connected to the sanitary sewer system causes extra water to flow into the system. Downspouts connected to the sewer system are open drains. Leaves and dirt can easily get into the sewers and clog them. The extra water flow and clogs can cause the sewer system to back up into basements and streets. These problems cause sewer rates to increase, costing you more money.

If you aren't sure if your downspouts or sump pump are connected to the sanitary sewer system, contact the Township at (810) 987-6600 x 21.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Did you know the Fire Department does home fire safety visits? Call the station to schedule an appointment. Smoke detector installation and inspection are included in the visit! This program is funded through the State of Michigan – Bureau of Fire Services. The Fire Department along with the Museum will be hosting an open house on Saturday June 13 th 12:00 pm. – 4:00 pm. Please join us to tour your fire station, see all the apparatuses, and learn how the Fire Department serves our community! As warm weather arrives, we will be back into the outdoor fire season. Remember to use caution around open fires and keep children away. Also, a reminder to all residents that you must have a valid burning permit for the year to be compliant with the Burning Ordinance set forth by Port Huron Township and the State of Michigan. If you have any questions about outdoor fires or any other safety related questions, please feel free to call the fire station, non-emergency 810-982-3543. In closing, the dedicated men and women of the Port Huron Township Fire Department are proud to provide a tradition of excellent public safety to the residents and guests of Port Huron Township. As I look forward to another great year, we will continue to remain focused on the mission and core values of our agency. It is an honor to lead this dedicated group of firefighters in such a supportive community. As always, thank you for your continued support!

Andrew J. Persig, Fire Chief

RAIN GARDENS: SMALL SPACE, BIG IMPACT ON WATER QUALITY

A rain garden is a shallow depression designed to capture and absorb rainwater runoff from roofs, driveways, streets, and lawns. Instead of rushing into storm drains or ditches, water is temporarily held in the rain garden where it is filtered of pollutants through natural processes and is slowly absorbed into the ground. Rain gardens are often planted with deep-rooted native plants that help the soil act like a sponge, soak up rainwater, and provide colorful blooms for a variety of birds, butterflies, and homeowners. Rain gardens offer more than just environmental protection; they bring added value to communities and homeowners alike:

- **Support pollinators:** Native plants attract butterflies, birds, and bees
- **Enhance aesthetics:** They add color and texture to yards and public spaces
- **Low maintenance:** Once established, native plants require little watering and care
- **Climate resilience:** Help communities adapt to heavier rainfall and reduce local flooding.



Three public rain gardens are hard at work protecting local water quality in Port Huron Township. Friends of the St. Clair River actively manages these gardens to ensure they maintain their supportive values. Join Friends of the St. Clair River this summer at a Community Rain Garden Day to learn more about how these special landscapes protect your water quality! For dates and times, please visit scriver.org/events

YARD WASTE

It is that time of year when residents begin cleaning up their yards. Waste Management will begin collecting yard waste weekly from April 6th thru November 29th on your scheduled trash collection day. Keep in mind that yard waste must be in compostable paper bags; in 35 gallon cans (no lids) with a Yard Waste sticker facing the street (50 lb weight limit); or marked with an "X". Branches must be tied and bundled with string, no longer than 4 feet in length, no larger than 4 inches in diameter, weigh less than 50 lbs and be no larger than 18 inches around. Yard waste mixed with rubbish cannot be collected. Prohibited materials: branches over 4 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter, stumps, shrubs with root balls and dirt, large quantities of dirt, sand, gravel, pet waste, plastic bags with yard waste, etc.

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SEPTIC SYSTEM BEST MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Remember these helpful tips:

- **Think at the Sink!** What goes down the drain has a big impact on your septic system. Fats, grease, and solids can clog a system's pipes and drainfield.
- **Keep It Clean!** Contamination can occur when a septic system leaks due to improper maintenance. Be sure your drinking water is safe to drink by testing it regularly.
- **Protect It and Inspect It!** Regular septic system maintenance can save homeowners thousands of dollars in repairs and protect public health.
- **Don't Overload the Commode!** A toilet is not a trash can. Disposable diapers and wipes, feminine hygiene products, coffee grounds, cigarette butts, and cat litter can damage a septic system.
- **Don't Strain Your Drain!** Use water efficiently and stagger use of water-based appliances. Too much water use at once can overload a system that hasn't been pumped recently.
- **Shield Your Field!** Tree and shrub roots, cars, and livestock can damage your septic drainfield. Avoid having them near your drainfield.

5 HOUSEHOLD HABITS TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION

Stormwater is the water that flows into our drains. Any chemicals, debris, or pollutants it picks up along the way can get into the water we use to swim, fish, and produce fresh drinking water.

LAWN MAINTENANCE

Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and sweep up yard debris so it doesn't get blown down the drain

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Protect storm drains before starting any home improvement projects, and clean up all debris immediately

GARAGE WASTE

Clean spills with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and recycle vehicle oils at a participating service station

VEHICLE WASTE

Clean any spills from vehicle maintenance, and wash your vehicle on grass to prevent runoff into drain

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Plant native plants in your yard since they require less water, fertilizers, and pesticides

REMEMBER: ALL STORM DRAINS CONNECT TO OUR WATERWAYS

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT FUN

ANNUAL FREE FISHING CLINIC

June 13, 2026 (rain day June 14) 11am-2pm

Join the Port Huron Township Recreation Department for our Annual Free Fishing Clinic at William P. Thompson Pond (40th St)! This fun, hands-on event gives children the opportunity to learn the basics of fishing in a safe and supportive environment. Participants can bait their hook (if they choose) and cast a line into the pond during this catch-and-release experience. Kids can also have their catch measured for a chance to win a free fishing pole—winners will be selected after the event!

Throughout the clinic, children will rotate through interactive stations where they'll learn valuable outdoor skills such as knot tying, fish identification, and more—all led by experienced local anglers. To keep everyone energized, hot dogs, chips, and a drink will be provided.

Please note:

- Registration is required
- A parent or guardian must sign the registration form
- A parent or guardian must remain on-site during the clinic

Come out for a day of learning, fun, and fishing—we look forward to seeing you there!

SUMMER REC PROGRAM 2026

(7 Weeks of Fun!) June 22-Aug 3 2026

Keep your kids active, engaged, and having a blast this summer! Our seven-week Summer Recreation Program is packed with games, parties, fun, field trips, crafts, learning and more—all while making new friends and enjoying time with old ones. Open to children in kindergarten through age 14, this drop-in program runs Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each day is filled with outdoor play, group activities, and creative fun. Just bring a sack lunch and get ready for an unforgettable summer! Program is weather permitting. There will be two registration dates again this year. Dates and cost will be posted soon. Please check our Facebook site for dates and rates as well as the latest information.

SAVE THE DATE: June 19 & 20, 2026. . .NEW THIS YEAR — FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER!

We're thrilled to announce an exciting new twist in our summer community events!

CONCERTS IN THE PARK WILL BE LIVE AT BAKERS FIELD PARK!

Join us for two unforgettable evenings of live music, community fun, and summer vibes in a brand-new setting. Whether you're coming for the music, the atmosphere, or time with friends and family, this is an event you won't want to miss! Food will be available for purchase. More details are coming soon! Be sure to follow us on social media and check our website for updates, performer announcements, and event information. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!

SAVE THE DATE: September 19, 2026

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Fest held annually in September is a family-oriented afternoon of late summer fun at the Beach Rd. Memorial Park. In the past we have drawn crowds of up to 300 people. We offer Inflatables, carnival type games for children, a magic show, fire truck tours, eye exams, and local business food samples. It's a wonderful way to spend an afternoon with your family and a nice way to meet your neighbors within Port Huron Township.

TOWNSHIP WORD SEARCH



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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 1st and running through September 4th, the Port Huron Township Administrative Offices will be open Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The office will be closed on Fridays.

Regular business hours will resume
Tuesday, September 8th

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITIES CLOSE TO HOME

Did you know. . .

The fitness park at Bakers Field has a QR code that you can scan to see different available workouts?

William P. Thompson Pond is home to a small disc golf course – head on over and play a round!

ONLINE/TEXT/AUTOPAY UTILITY BILL PAYMENT UPDATE:

If you pay your bill on line, by text, or have auto pay set up, please note that this system will send due date reminders even if payment has already been made. The system cannot access your account balance and differentiate between paid in full and outstanding account balances and sends mass due date reminders. If you have a payment confirmation for the quarter but receive a due date reminder, please disregard the notice.



PORT HURON CHARTER TOWNSHIP - CALENDAR YEAR 2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

“RIGHT TO KNOW” RULE PASSED

In 1998, a new Federal rule was passed to ensure that consumers of community water supplies receive annual documentation of drinking water quality. The Township of Port Huron, together with the City of Port Huron, provides your drinking water and is pleased to present you with this annual water quality report. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable drinking water supply. This report will illustrate that we are achieving this goal.

DRINKING WATER QUALITY RESULTS

The Township of Port Huron and the City of Port Huron routinely monitor your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table on the backside of this report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2025, unless otherwise noted. **The test results show that your drinking water meets all Federal and State requirements.**

WHERE DOES YOUR WATER COME FROM?

The Township of Port Huron purchases your water from the City of Port Huron. Since 1873, the City of Port Huron’s water has originated from the St. Clair River. This means that the water you drink comes from a surface water supply, not a well. Today, raw water is collected by two 36-inch-diameter intakes. After treatment the water is pumped into the distribution system which has nearly 170 miles of water main with approximately 1,400 fire hydrants. The City of Port Huron also provides water to the townships of Fort Gratiot, Kimball and Clyde, serving approximately 60,000 customers.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The state performed an assessment of our source water in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of the potential for contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale from “very low” to “high” based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our source is “highly susceptible” given the land uses and potential contaminant sources within the source water area. A copy of the full report is available by calling the Port Huron Water Treatment Plant at 810-984-9780.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information can be obtained by calling EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 800.426.4791. The sources of both tap and bottled drinking water include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials, and can also pick up substances resulting from animal or human activity

CONTAMINANTS THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN SOURCE WATER INCLUDE:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring, or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

All of these contaminants were below the level of concern in Port Huron’s water. To ensure that tap water is safe, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) establishes limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CONTAMINANTS AND POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY’S (EPA’S) SAFE DRINKING WATER HOTLINE AT 800.426.4791

INFORMATION FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons 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 from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Federal guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are also available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 800.426.4791.

INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD

Information about lead: 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. Port Huron Township is

responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

SERVICE CONNECTIONS: The Township of Port Huron has a total of 3662 metered service connections, with 1,600 service lines of unknown material. Of those unknown service lines 100, or <1%, are believed to be of lead material. These numbers will be updated each year as we work through our Distribution System Materials Inventory.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning disabilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

DEFINITIONS

Parts per million (ppm) and parts per billion (ppb) - ppm = Parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l). ppb = Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l). One ppm can be equated to a single penny in \$10,000. One ppb is a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The MCLG is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs provide a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)- The MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible, using the best available treatment technology. MCLs are set at very stringent levels by the State and Federal government.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - Means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - Means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (ntu) measures clarity.

Turbidity - The cloudy appearance of water caused by the presence of tiny particles. High levels of turbidity may interfere with proper water treatment and monitoring.

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

90th Percentile - This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. For example, if 10 samples are taken, the 90th percentile is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.

ND - not detected **na** - not applicable/available.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

If you have any questions or comments or would like to receive more specific information about the quality of your water, please feel free to call 810.987-6600 EXT 21.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Port Huron Township

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During June 1 to September 30, 2023, we did not monitor correctly for lead and copper, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water at this time. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test for, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date we will collect follow-up samples.

Contaminants	Required sampling frequency	Number of sites sampled	When samples should have been collected	Date additional samples will be collected
Lead and Copper	30 sites to be sampled every 3 years	29	June 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023	June 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

What happened? What is being done? We inadvertently missed taking samples within this required sampling period. We are making every effort to ensure this does not happen again.

For more information, please contact Daniel Duman, DPW Superintendent, at (810) 987-6600.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may have not received this notice directly (for example, people in apartment, nursing homes, schools and business). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Port Huron Township.

Here are the contaminants that were detected in our water. ALL ARE BELOW ALLOWED LEVELS.
Not listed are the hundreds of contaminants tested for, but not found in our water.

TEST RESULTS FOR 2025

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Sample Dates	Violation Yes / No	Typical source of contamination
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Regulated Inorganic Parameters (monitored at the plant tap)

Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.65	0.00 to 0.91	5-6-25	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.56	na	5-6-25	No	Decomposition of organic matter and surface water runoff
Sulfate (ppm)	250	250	20	na	5-6-25	No	Run off from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits.
Chloride (ppm)	250	250	11.0	na	5-6-25	No	Erosion of Natural deposits

Regulated Parameter (monitored at the plant tap)

Turbidity (ntu)	TT	na	0.05	0.02 to 0.05	Daily	No	Soil runoff, suspended matter in river water. Indicator of effective filtration system
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Regulated Organic Parameters (monitored at the plant tap)

Total Organic Carbon	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured quarterly and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.					No	Naturally Present in the Environment
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Regulated Inorganic Parameters (monitored in the distribution system)

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Running Annual Average	Monthly Ratio Range	Sampling Frequency	Violation Yes / No	Typical source of contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	(MRDL) 4	(MRDLG) 4	.98	.78 to 1.31	Daily	No	Water additive for disinfection

Regulated Organic Parameters (monitored in the distribution system)

TTHM (ppb) Total Trihalomethanes	80	na	39	24.0 to 55	Quarterly in 2025	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb) Haloacetic Acids	60	na	13	11 to 18	Quarterly in 2025	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper Testing (monitored in the distribution system at individual taps)

Contaminant Subject to A.L.	Action Level	90 th Percentile	Range	Sample Date(s)	# of Samples above AL	Typical source of contamination
Lead (ppb)	12	3.0 PPB	1.0 to 6.6 PPB	06/01/2024 through 09/30/2024	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.4	.0053 to .096 PPB		0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Special Monitoring and Unregulated Parameters (monitored at the plant tap)

Unregulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Date(s)	Typical source of contamination
Sodium (ppm)	na	na	7.4	5-6-25	Erosion of natural deposits

Special Monitoring and Unregulated Parameters (monitored in the distribution system)

Unregulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Date(s)	Typical source of contamination
Dichloroacetic acid (ppb)	na	na	6.3	5-2-22	Disinfection By-products
Trichloroacetic acid (ppb)	na	na	7.1	8-4-22	Disinfection By-products

Included in the Special Monitoring and Unregulated Parameters table are the Unregulated Contaminants (UCMR5) testing results. This is not a full list of possible contaminants tested for as those not detected are not shown. If you would like a full list of results contact Jamie Cameron at 810-984-9781.

*Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 - December 31, 2025. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.