

Ridgewood Water Weekly

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2025 Water Quality Report Now Available

Ridgewood Water's **2025 Water Quality Report** can be viewed on our website (<https://water.ridgewoodnj.net/water>) and by scanning the QR code. The report summarizes more than 10,000 tests covering dozens of potential contaminants including lead, volatile organic compounds, disinfection products and PFAS. If you need assistance understanding some of the technical language in the report, please reach out to Customer Service at 201-670-5520 or cswater@ridgewoodnj.net.



Lead Levels Well Below State Limits



Lead levels have remained well below state safety limits since 2015, when corrosion controls were fully implemented. Eleven rounds of lead and copper testing have been conducted per New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) protocols since that time, and every test has shown lead levels well below the legal limit of 15 parts per billion (PPB). The highest lead level Ridgewood Water has seen was 6.28 PPB, which is **less than half of the NJDEP's maximum contaminant level**.

Tap Water Vs. Bottled Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. Ridgewood Water's source is primarily groundwater, from the 52 deep wells that we own and operate. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the NJDEP prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in the water supplied by public water systems. Similarly, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. **It should be noted that EPA/NJDEP regulations are more stringent than FDA regulations.**

