

Your Community



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Dear Milton Water Customer:

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and the Town of Milton Department of Public Works have prepared this 2012 Drinking Water Report in compliance with the federal drinking water regulations. This brochure contains information on MWRA's source reservoirs, water system and treatment improvements as well as the results of water tests.

In Milton, an elected three member Board of Selectmen oversees all water, sewer and drain functions. Serving on the board are Thomas Hurley, Chairman; Denis Keohane, and Robert Sweeney. Each member is dedicated to assuring customer service and water quality. Along with Director of Public Works, Joseph Lynch, a skilled staff of 35 individuals handles the day-to-day operations of the water, sewer and drain systems as well as the permitting and billing processes.

The Milton Public Works Department often receives questions about lead in tap water. There is no lead in the water supplied to your home. The Town of Milton has no known lead service lines. Sources of lead in drinking water include corrosion of household plumbing systems such as brass fixtures and piping (which contain lead in the alloy) and lead solder. We are always concerned about the remote possibility of lead in tap water. Therefore, we test fifteen homes and two schools annually. The 90th percentile lead level for Milton was 11.8 ppb; this does not exceed the Action level of 15 ppb. Please see page 5 for more information on lead in tap water or call our department at 617-898-4900.

The Milton public works department maintains an active Cross-Connection Program to protect against cross connections between the public water supply and sources of potential contamination. Any time a homeowner uses a hose to spray fertilizer or other chemicals they have created a cross connection and could potentially contaminate the water in their own home. The public works department encourages all customers to install hose bib vacuum breakers (available at any hardware store) on all hose connections. Please contact our cross connection personnel at 617-898-4871 for more information on preventing backflow.

We are continually maintaining Milton's 130-plus miles of pipeline. Under the Selectmen's leadership, a capital spending program is utilized to prioritize and pace water system upgrades and to build upon system improvements being made by MWRA. Improvements completed during 2012 include the insertion of valves on Brook Rd. and the replacement of old cast iron water main on Bradlee Rd. , Atherton St. (Blue Hill Ave. to Canton Ave.) , Pleasant St. (Vinewood Rd. to Brae Burn Rd.) and Governors Rd. (Edgehill Rd. to Quincy Line). Other programs instituted to maintain water service and quality include annual pipeline flushing, routine leak detection inspections and testing for any signs of contamination.

It is the goal of the Milton Department of Public Works to respond to any customer concerns, questions or complaints as quickly and completely as possible. We are committed to bringing our customers the best drinking water. We hope that you will find this report informative and useful. If you would like more information on particular topics, or have questions, please access our website at www.townofmilton.org under departments, public works, water and sewer, there is a lot of helpful information and links to MWRA website. You may also call the Department of Public Works at 617-898-4900, or contact the MWRA directly using the phone numbers listed in the report.