



## TOWN OF BELMONT Department of Public Works

Public Water Supply  
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The 2011 Drinking Water Report provides information to residents of Belmont on their water supply. The Belmont DPW Water Division works in partnership with the MWRA to communicate where your water comes from, how it is treated and tested, and how it gets to your tap.

The Water Division is engaged in an ambitious long-term Water System Improvement Program based on a comprehensive study of the water distribution system. This program, which began in 1995, is intended to replace 40% of the water mains in Belmont within a 30 year period and is segmented into yearly projects. To date, slightly more than 19.8 miles of aged, deteriorated and undersized water main has been replaced with new larger diameter ductile iron pipe. This work will improve water quality, fire hydrant flows and the overall hydraulic reliability of Belmont's drinking water system.

In 2011 as part of the Water System Improvement Program the water mains were replaced in Goden Street, Francis Street, Wiley Road, Holden Road, Flett Road, Wilson Ave and a segment on Winn Street. Upland Road will be constructed in the spring of 2012 to complete the 2011 Water System Improvement Program. The scope of work for this project consisted of replacing 8,714 linear feet of unlined six inch and eight inch cast iron pipe with eight and ten inch lined ductile iron pipe. Also included in the scope of work were the replacement of 22 fire hydrants, 74 isolation valves and the transfer of 202 water services and abandonment of existing water mains and all associated work within the project limits.

In addition to the Water System Improvement Program, the Water Division strives to provide high quality services to our customers. These services include customer service for water and sewer billing and other water related questions, 24-hour emergency response, water main repair, hydrant replacement and maintenance, water service renewals and other improvements to the water distribution system.

The Water Advisory Board continues in its function to advocate and advise the Town on policies, operational management, and water/sewer billing disputes, financial practices and capital investments that will result in the sustained provision of high quality water service. The Water Advisory Board conducts public meetings periodically throughout the year. All public meetings are posted on the calendar of Town of Belmont's web page, [www.belmont-ma.gov](http://www.belmont-ma.gov), at the Town Clerk's office and the Police Department.

Each year, the Water Division works with the MWRA to test for lead levels in homes. Belmont is concerned about lead in tap water. Therefore, we test fifteen homes twice a year. The 90th percentile level for Belmont was 5.97 parts per billion, which was below the Action Level of 15 parts per billion. Please see page 5 for more information on lead in tap water.

The Water Division works in cooperation with the MWRA, MA Department of Environmental Protection and the US Environmental Protection Agency to continue to provide Belmont's residents with a safe, reliable and adequate supply of drinking water for all purposes. If you have any questions regarding this report or any other water quality questions you can call the Belmont Water Division at 617-993-2700

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