



Town of Brookline WATER & SEWER DIVISION

Public Water Supply
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Dear Water Customer:

The Annual Water Quality Report to Consumers is a report on the quality of the drinking water supplied by the Town of Brookline in partnership with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA). We are pleased to be working with the MWRA in this joint communication on the quality of the drinking water arriving at your homes and businesses. This annual report provides detailed information on the MWRA's source water reservoirs, which are the sole source of water distributed within the Town of Brookline, and the quality of water as determined through federal and state testing guidelines. Water quality test data, as well as the definitions of the terms used in the drinking water industry, are presented in clear and readily understandable language. The water quality testing information is also presented as it relates to the health effects of tested contaminants.

In 2001, the Town successfully completed the rehabilitation of our entire water distribution system that delivers water through 138 miles of water mains to over 10,000 customer taps. In 2008 in order to maintain optimal water quality in our system the interior of our water storage tank at Singletree Hill was cleaned, painted and some structural repairs were completed. The tank is also slated for inspection, painting and rehabilitation on the exterior in 2012.

Each year, MWRA and local water departments test tap water in homes that are likely to have high lead levels. The EPA rules require that 9 out of 10, or 90%, of these sampled homes must have lead levels below the Lead Action Level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). In our sampling rounds in March and September 2011, 9 out of 10 of the samples were under the Action Level of 15 ppb, with levels of 3.19 and 4.61 ppb respectively.

The Town of Brookline is committed to providing you the best water possible. As our customers, we hope that you will find this report informative and useful. If you would like more information on a particular topic, including on public meetings, or have a specific question please call the Water & Sewer Division at 617-730-2170, or contact the MWRA directly using the phone numbers listed in this report.

Sincerely,

Philip M. Trainor Jr.
Director – Water & Sewer