

Your Community



Town of Brookline WATER & SEWER DIVISION

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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 home or business. 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 definition 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 continuing our efforts to make our water system more efficient, in the fall of 2012 The Water & Sewer Division started replacing undersized 6" and 8" water mains with new 12" diameter ductile iron pipe in many areas of town. This contract also included the replacing of over 130 individual water services, as well as several fire hydrants.

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 last sampling round in September 2012, 9 out of 10 of these samples were under the Action Level of 15 ppb, with the level of 2.6 ppb.

The Town of Brookline is committed to providing its residents with the best quality 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, or have a specific question, please call the Water & Sewer Division office at 617-730-2170, or contact the MWRA directly using the phone numbers listed in this report.

Sincerely,

Philip M. Trainor Jr.
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