

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT



This is your Marshalltown Water Works Consumer Confidence Report. We are providing this report to you in order to keep you informed about our high quality award winning water.

WELL UPGRADES

We are now two years into our plan to raise nine of our ten wells. When this project is completed, all of our wells will be above the 100 year flood elevation. This is necessary to ensure the integrity and quality of our water source. During the last year we have raised three of our wells bringing the total raised to four. The picture to the right shows a well casing that has been extended. The picture below shows a well building that is complete.



Plans for this year include rebuilding two more wells.



TAP WATER IS A SUPER VALUE

Over the last 30 years the Consumer Price Index has increased over 148%. During that same time period our residential water rates have increased from \$1.10 to \$1.51 per 100 cubic feet. That is only a 37% increase.

RECENT UPGRADES

The computer system at our treatment facility was upgraded recently. This project replaced outdated equipment and will help ensure the reliability of our supervisory control and data acquisition system.

DROP BOXES

Did you know that you can place your payments in our drop boxes at Hy-Vee, Hy-Vee Drugstore or in the alley on the east side of our office at 205 E. State St?

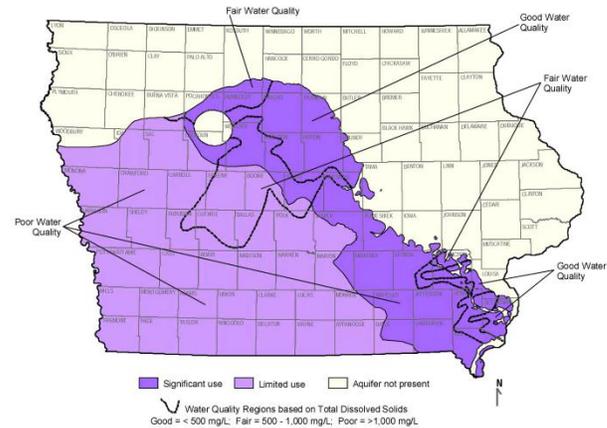


SOURCE WATER AND TREATMENT

The Marshalltown Water Works obtains a portion of its water from the Mississippian Aquifer. The aquifer was determined to be not susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying material prevent easy access of contaminants to the aquifer. The Mississippian wells will not be susceptible to most contaminant sources except through pathways to the aquifer such as abandoned or poorly maintained wells. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Marshalltown Water Works at (641) 753-7913.

For over 130 years the Marshalltown Water Works has been committed to providing the safest, highest quality, and most reliable drinking water. This report gives you an overview of our treatment process from the source to your faucet.

Mississippian Aquifer of Iowa



You will see that the contaminants detected in your drinking water are very minute compared to the standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Guidelines for Drinking Water.

The source of your water is ten deep wells located on the north side of the Iowa River drawing water from the Mississippian and Pleistocene Aquifers. The water is pumped to the treatment plant where it first goes through aeration to remove iron, radon, and hydrogen sulfide. It then travels to the softening basin for removal of the excess hardness and the remaining iron. The water is then pH adjusted and flows to the filters where it passes through the sand filters to remove the remaining very small particles. Chlorine is added as a disinfectant and fluoride is added to prevent tooth decay before being stored in the underground clear well. The water is pumped from the clear well to the distribution system for public use.

The Marshalltown Laboratory and Production Staff collect samples hourly at the water plant and daily from the distribution system at various locations around the City to ensure the safety and purity of the water supplied to you.

Additional water quality information is available on our website at the following address:

www.marshalltownwater.com/QUALITY.htm

MARSHALLTOWN WATER WORKS 2010 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

ANALYTE	MCLG	MCL	DETECTED LEVEL	DATE SAMPLED	RANGE OF DETECTION	VIOLATION	SOURCE
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.02	6/1/2008 - 9/30/2010	0 - 0.02	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)* (90th percentile)	0	15	3	6/1/2008 - 9/30/2010	0 - 4	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)* (95th percentile)	0	15	3	6/1/2008 - 9/30/2010	0 - 4	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.13	6/8/2010	0.9 - 1.2	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	14	6/11/2010 - 10/11/2010	14 - 16	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	2.2	Daily	1.1 - 2.5	No	Water additive used to control microbes

* If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Marshalltown Water Works is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

ppb -- parts per billion.

ppm -- parts per million.

N/A – Not applicable



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IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health. Any bottled water that is labeled "drinking water" has to meet EPA's drinking water regulations. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

SAFE DRINKING
WATER HOTLINE
1-800-426-4791
www.epa.gov/OGWDW

MARSHALLTOWN WATER WORKS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS
Third Monday of each month
205 East State Street
Marshalltown, IA 50158

For more detailed information on water analysis
call

Water Production Plant
753-3997

Customer Service
753-7913
