



Annual Water Quality Report 2013 Marshfield DPW - Water Division - PWS ID # 4171000

The Town of Marshfield Department of Public Works - Water Division has prepared this annual drinking water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to provide you with information regarding your drinking water. This report includes detected contaminants found in your drinking water, compliance issues related to the water quality, operational matters, and general education information regarding the

HIGHLIGHTS

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Do You Know Where Your Water Comes From?

The Town of Marshfield’s municipal drinking water supply consists of six aquifers and fifteen active gravel-packed wells.

The Marshfield water supply is obtained entirely from underground sources within the Town’s borders. All of the drinking water that is pumped into the distribution system receives some form of treatment at the individual pump stations. Each well has its own pump station and a pH (our water is naturally acidic) adjustment treatment process. Water from eleven of the fifteen wells, after this pH adjustment, is pumped directly into the distribution system’s water mains.

Three of the five wells in the Furnace Brook Aquifer require additional treatment in the form of activated carbon filtration or aeration due to the presence of some volatile organic contaminants (VOCs). This filtration effectively removes all of the VOC contaminants. The water from these wells must be disinfected before entering the distribution system. Two stations use ultraviolet light (UV) disinfection and one station uses chlorination. In the Little’s Creek aquifer one well is also equipped with and uses UV disinfection.

In general, Marshfield’s water is classified as “soft” with low manganese and iron content. Marshfield water has a trace amount of naturally occurring fluoride. The Town of Marshfield does not add fluoride to our water.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WATER SYSTEM?

The sources of drinking water (both bottled and tap water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases radioactive material, and can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

If you have any questions about the water system, you can call the DPW—Water Division at 781-834-5589 or 781-834-5592. Also, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the following Safe Drinking Water Hotline that consumers can call at 1-800-426-4791.

WATCH FOR OUR DRINKING WATER DISPLAY UNDER THE GRANDSTAND THIS YEAR AT THE



147th MARSHFIELD FAIR
WEEK OF August 15-24, 2014

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 EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

How Marshfield Is Working To Protect Our Drinking Water

The Board of Public Works and the DPW are protecting your drinking water, first by source protection efforts, second by upgrades to the water delivery systems (distribution and well/pump station) and third by proposing changes to the current bylaws to enhance source protection. Source Protection is achieved by increasing the control of the land from development within the water resources recharge areas. Land acquisition, conservation easements, and town bylaws are the main focus of the town efforts to achieve source protection. Funding for these efforts is achieved through Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds, Water Enterprise retained earnings and state drinking water resource protection grants.

LAND The DPW, with guidance from the elected Board of Public Works, continues to seek out land opportunities to protect our Town's water supply. These land opportunities are exercised by direct purchase of the land parcels and by conservation easements which keep the land in a natural state and provide the land owner with significant tax incentives. During this report time frame, the Town acquired two parcels of land for the purpose of protection of groundwater and water supply of the municipal well fields. These acquisitions were located at 290 Main Street and 534 Ferry Street (Holly Hill).

SYSTEM The DPW—Water Division continued its program in the protection of the Town's drinking water is by maintaining and upgrading the water production and delivery system. During 2013, the Water Department through the use of contractors completed the installation of a new 12" ductile iron water main on South River Street and the new Pudding Hill storage water tank came online, the former tank was demolished. The meter division has 901 more accounts left to convert over to radio-read style.

BYLAWS It is important that the Town's bylaws restricting the use of specific activities within the recharge (Zone II) areas be strictly enforced. In 2011, though the joint efforts of the Board of Public Works, the Planning Board, and the Department of Public Works, changes to the Town's Water Resource Planning District (WRPD) were presented to Town Meeting which were approved.

LAWN & GARDEN WATERING CAN TRIPLE, EVEN QUADRUPLE, THE SUMMER UTILITY BILL FOR ANY HOMEOWNER



Marshfield's Stormwater Management Plan

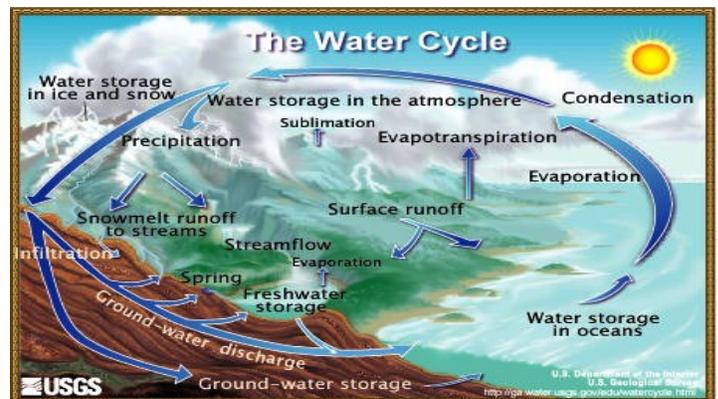
Stormwater management is an important component of providing clean safe drinking water to our customers. Stormwater recharges the well fields. The federal and state regulators require municipalities to have plans and programs to manage stormwater to minimize contamination. Good stormwater management is especially realized during times where water recharge is stressed such as drought condition and peak summer demand. Of the assessed water bodies in Massachusetts, a majority of these water bodies have been impaired from stormwater and during low recharge times (summer and droughts) and half of all water bodies are impacted by stormwater.

The Town of Marshfield DPW has developed a Stormwater Management Plan, which is intended to protect the Town's water bodies and groundwater. As a requirement for the Town to renew its NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit [MS4 permit], which is issued jointly by MassDEP and USEPA, the Town is required to continue its efforts to eliminate illicit discharges, utilize best management practices to treat stormwater by utilizing Low Impact Development [LID] techniques, complete drainage system mapping and to continue to meet other objectives outlined in the Town's stormwater management plan.

The plan consists of the following:

- ◆ Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- ◆ Construction site runoff and post construction runoff control
- ◆ Pollution prevention and promote good housekeeping practices
- ◆ Public education and outreach on stormwater impacts

In addition to the Town's efforts, MassDEP is proposing a new comprehensive approach to stormwater management. In general, private owners of developed properties with large impervious surfaces will be required to control their stormwater, add treatment, and provide recharge opportunities where feasible. Developments in areas where the State has established maximum loading levels [TMDL] for impaired receiving waters will be required to provide treatment to the stormwater and will have to meet new water quality standards. In redevelopments, where meeting on-site stormwater standards are impracticable, off-site mitigation will be allowed.



MORE ABOUT YOUR WATER SYSTEM FOR 2013

Source Water Assessment & Protection (SWAP)

The source water assessment and protection program developed by the Mass DEP Water Division and adopted by the Board of Public Works and DPW, assesses the susceptibility of the Marshfield public water supplies to potential contamination by microbiological pathogens and chemicals.

The final report includes:

- (1) A description and discussion of land uses in the water supply protection areas;
- (2) Protection recommendations;
- (3) A Geographical information map;
- (4) Attachments, including protection fact sheets, and brochures.

The SWAP report is available for review at the Marshfield Water Division, at the office of the DPW located in Town Hall.

Hazardous Activities Can Be Controlled

Rx—Pharmaceuticals and OTC Drugs

Never dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs (Rx) or other over the counter (OTC) medications into the toilet. Dispose of these drugs by crushing them and placing them in the trash. Or contact DEA for drug drop off days. Website: www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback

Pharmaceutical and personal care products (PPCPs) include medicines, insect repellents, sunscreens, perfumes, soaps, fragrances, and lotions. These products, which can be found in any drugstore, have the potential to enter the environment through domestic sewage.

For additional information on the proper disposal of RX or OTC products contact the Marshfield Police website at www.marshfieldpolice.org or visit the Mass DEP website at <http://mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/toxics/sources/disposal-of-waste-medications-at-private-residences.html>

Used Motor Oil

Never dispose of oil in storm drains. Used oil is accepted at the Transfer Station (2nd Saturday each month, May through October) or it can be also returned under Mass Law to the store where you bought it from which is required to accept.

Reminder on Fireworks Fallout

Don't shoot off fireworks near water aquifer recharge areas. Perchlorate, which is associated with fireworks, was found in the Town of Marshfield's South River Street Well a couple years ago. Since the fireworks displays in this area have ceased, the test results for Perchlorate are no longer increasing.

PROTECT YOUR DRINKING WATER!

You can help preserve our drinking water

What is the greatest threat to Marshfield's drinking water? It is harmful behaviors in contributing (Zone 2 recharge) areas of the drinking water aquifers. Careful product selection and proper use and disposal practices are critical to the quality of Marshfield's drinking water. Everyone can make a difference, careful selection of lawn fertilization materials and the disposal of materials will make a positive difference to our drinking water quality. Local growth is also a key issue. Residential and commercial septic systems contribute to elevated nitrate levels in our groundwater. Please review the hazardous activities listed so that any hazards to our drinking water can be minimized.

ABOUT LEAD & COPPER

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. The Marshfield Water Division, DPW 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 and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your 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/safe-water/lead>.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead and copper exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking.

ABOUT RADON IN DRINKING WATER

Radon is a radioactive gas that you cannot see, taste, or smell. It is found throughout the United States. Radon can move up through the ground and into a home through cracks and holes in the foundation. Radon can build up to high levels in all types of homes. Radon can also get into indoor air when released from tap water from showering, washing dishes, and other household activities. Compared to radon entering the home through soil, radon entering the home through tap water will in most cases be a small source in indoor air. The U.S. EPA is developing new regulations for radon that are expected to take effect this year. The levels that have been detected in the Marshfield Water supplies have been below the maximum contaminant level allowed. Radon is a known human carcinogen. Breathing air containing radon can lead to lung cancer. Drinking water containing radon may cause an increased risk of stomach cancer. If you are concerned about radon in your home, test the air in your home. Testing is inexpensive and easy. Fix your home if the level of radon in the air is 4 picocuries/liter (pCi/L) or higher. There are simple ways to fix a radon problem that are not too costly. For additional information, call the state radon program or call the EPA Radon Hotline -(800) SOS-RADON.

As required by Mass DEP, we are acknowledging a coliform violation in the format that they required as follows:



TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
Department of Public Works
870 Moraine Street
Marshfield, MA 02050

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Tests show Coliform Bacteria in Marshfield's Water

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took forty-two (42) samples for coliform bacteria during the month of June. Four (4) of the samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than five percent (5%) of our samples may do so.

What should I do?

• You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

• People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, conforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E-coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing. If we had, we would have notified you immediately.

What happened? What is being done?

During our Coliform Bacteria sampling for the month of June, we detected coliform bacteria in four (4) out of forty-two (42) samples taken. We flushed the water system and took repeat samples until all samples came back free of Coliform bacteria.

For more information, please contact John H. Patch, Water Supervisor at 781-834-5589 or Water Division, 870 Moraine Street, Marshfield, MA 02050.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by postin public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by
MARSHFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

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Date distributed:
June 25, 2013



GreenScapes has just created a new brochure explaining why storm water is today's biggest threat to clean water! Check it out!

**Make rain an asset,
not a problem:
reduce and reuse
storm water runoff.**

Who to Call...

For water or meter problems, leaks, fire hydrants, water billing, and miscellaneous questions - call the Marshfield DPW - Water Division at 781-834-5589 or 781-834-5592

Fax: 781-837-7163

Hours: 8:30AM - 7:30PM, Mondays
8:30AM-4:30PM, Tuesday -Friday

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFO:

EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline
1-800-426-4791

U.S. EPA—Massachusetts Office:
1-617-918-1111

Department of Telecommunications:
& Energy: 800-392-6066
Mass DEP: 800-462-0444

DON'T FORGET HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

DAY....

Saturday, September 20, 2014

9:00AM - 1:00PM



Table Definitions

AL (Action Level): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

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

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

NA: Not applicable.

ND: Not detected.

NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units): Measurement of the clarity, or turbidity, of water.

ppb (parts per billion): One part substance per billion parts of water.

ppm (parts per million): One part substance per million parts water.

TT (Treatment Technique): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

UNREGULATED: Contaminants for which EPA requires monitoring, but has not established an MCL.

mg/L: milligram per liter (ppm).

ug/L: micrograms per liter. (ppb).

pCi/L: picocuries per liter.

Water Analytical Tests Conducted by the Marshfield DPW—Water Division in 2013

<u>Number of samples taken</u>	<u>Analytical Test</u>
745	Bacteriological tests;
21	Nitrate/ Nitrite tests;
4	PCE Tetrachloroethylene tests;
21	Volatile Organic Contaminant (VOC) tests;
3	Haloacetic Acid tests;
9	Perchlorate tests;
36	Lead & Copper tests;
	(sampling done 3rd quarter of 2012)
3	Trihalomethanes

Water Quality Testing

The table on [page 6](#) lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2013 calendar year.

The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is for testing done during the period of January 1st through December 31, 2013.

One of the contaminants, Perchlorate, was first detected at the South River Well which is down gradient of the Fair Grounds in 2004 and the concentration increased through 2005. The Fair was requested to cease fire works in August of 2005 and they complied starting 2006. Concentrations continued to increase into early 2006 to 2.20 ppb and then declined through 2009 when stability at about 0.5 - 0.34 ppb through the present was reached.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has approved the Town of Marshfield's analytical testing frequency schedule with some required analytical testing being waived for certain contaminants and some testing to be performed only on an annual basis or for longer intervals. The longer testing duration is allowed because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. As the result of these frequency waivers, some of the data being presented is more than one year old, and does indicate the good representation of the water quality.

The Town of Marshfield—DPW—Water Division is an active participant in the GreenScapes program, which is part of the Massachusetts multi-partnered outreach program. Download the new GreenScapes guide and other materials today at their website at <http://www.nsrwa.org>.
Donna L. Beals is the local Marshfield liaison.

YOUR WATER TREATMENT STAFF

Paul Duross, III
Water Supervisor

John McCue
Lead Pump Operator

Steven Joyce
Michael W. McKay
Pump Operators

Water Tests Conducted by the Marshfield DPW—Water Division in 2013

During the past year the Town of Marshfield DPW—Water Division has taken hundreds of water samples in order to determine the presence of any radioactive, biological, inorganic, volatile organic, or synthetic organic compounds. The table below shows only those contaminants that were detected in the drinking water.

REGULATED SUBSTANCES

SUBSTANCE (Units)	Year	Action Level	MCLG Amount	Highest Amount Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Typical Source
Nitrate (ppm)	2013	10	10	5.77	1.15 - 5.77	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Tetrachloroethylene (ug/L)	2013	5	5	0.9	0.7 - 0.9	No	Dry cleaning and vinyl-lined pipes
TTHMs (ppb) (Total Trihalomethanes)	2013	80	NA	3.3	1.3 - 3.3	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Coliform Bacteria	Daily, 2013	>5% of monthly Samples	0	Exceeded the (5% rule); more than 5% of the sample had coliform detection		Yes	Coliform are bacteria that are naturally present in the Environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria are present. The presence of this bacterial form in drinking water is a concern because it indicates that the water may be contaminated with other organisms that can cause disease.
Perchlorate (ug/L)	2013		2.0	0.50	0.12 - 0.50	No	Found in blasting agents—fireworks

REGULATED SUBSTANCES - RADIONUCLIDES

SUBSTANCE (Units)	Year Sampled	MCL	MDL	Highest Amount	Range of	Violation	Typical Source
Gross Alpha	2012	15		1.23	0.063 - 1.23	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226	2012			0.676	0.043 - 0.676	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228	2012			0.32	0.00286 - 0.32	No	Erosion of natural deposits

SUBSTANCE (Units)	Year Sampled	Action Level	MCLG (90th %tile)	Highest Amount Detected	Homes Above Action	Violation	Typical Source
Copper (ppm)	2012	1.3	0.470	0.72	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits;
Lead (ppm)	2012	.015	0.003	0.006	0	No	Leaching from Wood Preservatives

UNREGULATED SUBSTANCES

SUBSTANCE (Units)	Year Sampled	Amount Detected	Action Level	Range Low-High	Typical Source
Sodium (ppm)	2012	12.4	20.0	10.8 - 12.4	Naturally occurring—road salt (FB wells 1, 2, 3, & 4)

UNREGULATED SUBSTANCES - VOCs (ug/L)

SUBSTANCE (Units)	Year	Action Level	MCLG Amount	Highest Amount Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Typical Source
Chloroform	2011			1.2	0.8- 1.2	No	

SPECIAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general public. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants may be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/ CDC (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. As a precautionary measure, all customers are urged to flush their cold water taps each morning 30 seconds to 2 minutes to remove lead and copper contaminants that may come from house water lines.

ABOUT ARSENIC IN DRINKING WATER

While your drinking water meets US EPA’s standard for arsenic, it may contain low levels of arsenic. US EPA’s standard balances the current understanding of arsenic’s possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. US EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

The Marshfield DPW Water Division reports that no arsenic was detected in any of its wells.

WHO REGULATES....

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Federal Food & Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish the limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

CROSS-CONNECTIONS SHOULD BE INSPECTED ANNUALLY

Mass DEP drinking water regulations require the water purveyor to survey, assess, and correct any potential cross contamination activity within commercial, institutional, industrial, and homeowners with irrigation systems.

For industrial, commercial and institutional premises that have potential backflow connection, the installation of and annual testing of both containment and in-flow backflow devices is mandated. The public water purveyor has the responsibility of surveying premises for cross-connections and identifying necessary installations to be made. Violation letters may be required to be sent to affected users in helping to protect the Town’s water supply system. It would be remiss of any water supplier to neglect protecting consumers against the hazards of backflow.

If you have any questions concerning cross-connections (also known as backflow) in the Town of Marshfield, feel free to call the Marshfield DPW Water Division and ask for an appointment to speak with **Edward Banzi, Meter Technician/ Backflow Coordinator at 781-834-5561.**

Substances That May Be Present

Microbial Contaminants—Such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations or wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants—Such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or may result from stormwater run off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Organic Chemical Contaminants—including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminant—which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the U.S. EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Chemicals Added

The Marshfield Water Division, DPW adds the following chemicals to it’s water supply:

CALCIUM HYDROXIDE - (more commonly known as hydrated lime) - used for pH and corrosion control.

SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE - (a common disinfectant known as chlorine bleach) is added at two of the Furnace Brook wells after the filtration process which removes volatile organic contaminants (VOCs) from the ground water.

- High Zone Area
- Low Zone Area

MARSHFIELD WELL SITES & TREATMENT

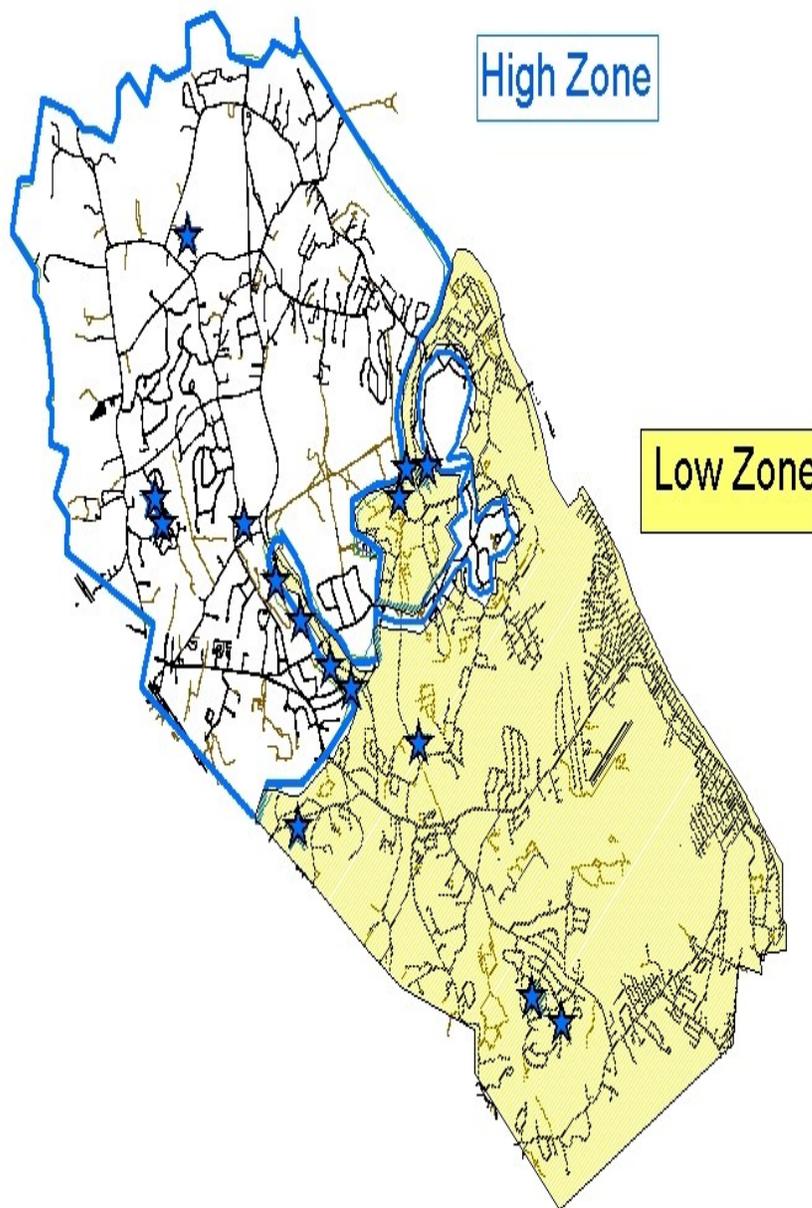
HIGH ZONE STATIONS:

- Union #1
- Union #2
- School Street
- Furnace Brook #2
- Spring Street
- Church Street

LOW ZONE STATIONS:

- Ferry Street
- Ferry #2
- Furnace Brook #1
- Furnace Brook #3
- Furnace Brook #4
- Mount Skirgo
- South River Street
- Webster # 1
- Webster # 2

All wells have pH adjustments for corrosion control. Three of the four Furnace Brook wells have additional VOC filtration with disinfection.



2013

FACTS AND FIGURES

GALLONS PRODUCED:

Jan.	60,419,100
Feb.	56,209,960
Mar.	77,591,810
Apr.	60,680,640
May	70,766,480
June	72,974,750
July	84,461,920
Aug.	85,903,677
Sep.	73,297,610
Oct.	72,168,950
Nov.	58,978,410
Dec.	59,183,040
TOTAL	832,636,347

OTHER STATISTICS

Average Daily System Use	2.1 Million Gallons
Max Daily Use (7/6/13)	4.5 Million Gallons
Population Served	27,250
Accounts	9,870
Average Annual Residential Bill	\$306.30
Miles Of Water Main	200 Miles
Number Of Hydrants	1,391

INTERCONNECTIONS

The Town of Marshfield supplies water to the towns of Scituate (Humarock section), Pembroke, and Duxbury. There are no interconnections to either Pembroke or Scituate. There is an emergency connection to Duxbury (hydrant-to-hydrant) if needed.

Marshfield Fall Town Meeting (October, 2005) approved the Water Restriction Bylaw to provide local control during water shortages and emergencies, and to provide sufficient water for fire protection.

OUR CROSS-CONNECTION PROGRAM

With Springtime on its way, we need to talk about water safety with outside watering and the hidden danger of cross-connections to the water distribution system. An important aspect of any water system is its distribution protection program also known as the cross-connection management.

Watering your garden, filling up the pool, and outside sprinkler systems to get the lawn ready for the good times of summer could cause your family, friends and neighbors harm.



Ed Banzi
Meter Technician/Backflow

What is Cross-Connection?

The term “cross-connection” shall mean any unprotected actual or potential connection or structural arrangement between a public or a consumer’s potable water system and any other source or system through which it is possible to introduce into any part of the potable system any used water, industrial fluid, gas, or substance other than the intended potable water with which the system is supplied.¹



What Is The Most Common Type of Cross-Connection?

A garden hose connected to an outside sillcock is one of the most common types of a cross-connection. A garden hose can be extremely hazardous because they are left submerged in swimming pools, lay in elevated locations (above the sillcock) watering outside plants, chemical sprayers are attached to hoses for weed-killing or a hose left inside of a bucket of car wash can be very dangerous.

How Can I Protect My Outside Sillcock?

A hose bib vacuum breaker should be installed on every sillcock to isolate garden hose applications thus protecting the potable water supply from contamination. The Town of Marshfield Water Department strongly recommends the use of hose bib vacuum breakers and will help to recommend the proper device to install. You can call the Marshfield Water Department to make an appointment to have our technician assist you with any concerns or further questions on how to protect your drinking water.



Important Things You Should Know About Your Wastewater Treatment Facility



The current Marshfield Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), built in 1978 is designed to process an average daily flow of 2.1 mgd and a peak hourly flow of 5.6 MGD . The facility is located in the Brant Rock section of Town and receives sewage from 3000 + homes and businesses and septage from homes on septic systems. The facility is an activated sludge plant and can be operated in extended aeration and/or contact stabilization mode. The facility provides collected wastewater and septage with secondary levels of treatment. The facility has an efficient removal rate in excess of 85 percent of the pollutants in the wastewater and septage it receives. A collection system consist of 40 miles of separate sanitary sewers, and seven pumping stations, collects and delivers waste water to the plant for treatment. Treated sewage is discharged to the ocean .

Have you driven by the WWTF during the past year? What's all the construction?

Improvements and updates at the WWTF are an ongoing necessity to maintain this critical Town infrastructure. Not only does equipment age often exceeding its designed lifespan, but State and Federal Regulations change creating increasingly stringent limitations to the permit which regulates the WWTF discharge. The combination of the aging facility and regulatory changes result in the need to add, change and/or upgrade equipment and processes throughout the WWTF and its collection system.

The small white building that stands alone a few hundred yards from the main WWTF is the main wastewater pump station. This original structure dates back into the 1950's. All flow passes through this station before being sent to the WWTF. During the project all flow was diverted bypassing the station so that the pumps, generator and controls (from the late 1970's) could be replaced.

The building being constructed at the main WWTF will contain equipment to remove rags and other larger debris that finds its way into the facilities influent flow. The additional cement tank being constructed next to the building is intended to improve and augment grit removal from the influent wastewater. It is essential to remove this material to protect downstream equipment and processes within the facility. This material, throughout the Towns wastewater collection system, pumping stations and plant is deleterious to treatment, equipment operation and also presents hazards to employees who maintain this critical infrastructure.

Modern convenience products, like disinfecting wipes, baby wipes and "Swiffer" type refills are strong and resistant to breakdown. They are clogging pumps and wastewater equipment everywhere. Some have estimated the additional maintenance costs they impose on the USA is in the \$billions annually. So put them in the trash.....don't flush them down the toilet!

DO NOT FLUSH RAGS, SWIFFERS, OR WIPES!!

Sump pump discharges and foreign materials are prohibited from the sewer system, as noted in the following excerpts from the Department of Public Works Wastewater Treatment Facility Bylaws Regulations, Policies, Procedures and Specifications" document:

- ◆ No person(s) shall make connection of roof downspouts, sump pump, foundation drains, area way drains, or other sources of surface runoff of groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.
- ◆ No person(s) shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewers:
 - a. any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas.
 - b. any waters containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids, or gasses in sufficient quantity either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any waste treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any hazard in the receiving water of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - c. any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment or personnel of the wastewater works.
 - d. solid or viscous substances in quantities or such size capable to causing obstruction to the flow in the sewers, or other interference with the proper operation of the waste water facilities such as, but not limited to, ashes, bones, cinders, sand, mud, clay, "cat litter", "speedy dry" type products, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastic, wood, unground garbage, whole blood, paunch manure, hair and fleshings, entrails, and paper dishes, cups, milk containers, rags, "Swiffer" type products, etc., either whole or ground by garbage grinders.

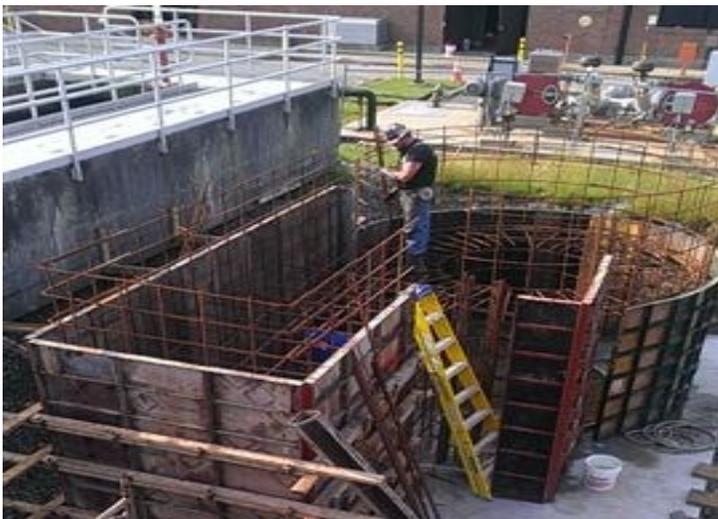


Crews work pouring concrete for the new Headworks building



Newly installed Grit Handling equipment

**OTHER SCENES FROM YOUR WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE
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Forming the concrete for the new Vortex Grit Separator



Brickwork on the new Headworks building

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Emergency???

**For water problems outside the normal working hours of the
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