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2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR STRATFORD MUNI WATER DEPT

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	0.00 (ND - 1)	08/22/2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.5 (0.03 - 0.66)	08/22/2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.2 (0.5 - 3.2)	12/31/2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes
01 - S/EP WELLS 2 AND 4 AFTER TREATMENT						
Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	3.4	10/17/2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	SGL	1.3	10/17/2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	2.18	05/16/2019	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	241	02/13/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	0.761	2019	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

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.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average

- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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 system 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 (800-426-4791).

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. STRATFORD MUNI WATER DEPT 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 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>.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Fluoride in children's drinking water at levels of approximately 1 mg/L reduces the number of dental cavities. However, some children exposed to levels of fluoride greater than about 2.0 mg/L may develop dental fluorosis. Dental fluorosis, in its moderate and severe forms, is a brown staining or pitting of the permanent teeth, or both. Because dental fluorosis occurs only when developing teeth (before they erupt from the gums) are exposed to elevated fluoride levels, households without children are not expected to be affected by this level of fluoride. Families with children under the age of nine are encouraged to seek other sources of drinking water for their children to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting.

Your water supplier can lower the concentration of fluoride in your water so you will still receive the benefits of cavity prevention while the possibility of stained and pitted teeth is minimized. Removal of fluoride may increase your water costs. Treatment systems are also commercially available for home use. Information on such systems is available at the address given by your public water supplier. Low fluoride bottled drinking water that would meet all standards is also commercially available.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the limestone and dolomite of the Mississippian aquifer. The Mississippian aquifer was determined to have low susceptibility to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide natural protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Mississippian wells will have low susceptibility to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 515-838-2311.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact STRATFORD MUNI WATER DEPT at 515-838-2311.

Information for you and your calendar!

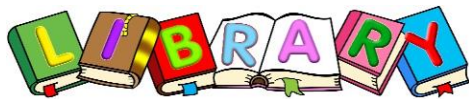
- **Remember to recycle!** There are items that must not be put into a recycling bin. Your recycling will not be picked up if a "no-no" is in your recycling bin. City Hall has a list of items that can and cannot be recycled. This list can also be found on the stratfordiowa.com website under the City Government tab – utilities & forms.
- **Electrical Outage Procedures:** If experiencing an electrical power outage during City Hall's business hours of 8:00 – 4:30 p.m., call 515-838-2311. When experiencing an electrical power outage after hours at your place of residence, call Maintenance Supervisor, Dan Ostrem at 515-290-6942. If the whole town is experiencing an electrical power outage and Maintenance Staff doesn't answer, call Hamilton County Dispatch at 515-832-9500; or Midland Power Cooperative's emergency number, 1-800-286-2268. If all else fails, call 911.
- **Call Iowa One Call** a few days before digging: 800-292-8989 or 811. It's free and it's a State of Iowa law.
- **Spring Clean-up day** was cancelled due to Covid-19. This was a decision that was made by the trash hauler. The City of Stratford is hoping that it will be rescheduled for sometime this fall. We will let you know as soon as we get a date. It will be posted around town, on our Facebook page & on our website.
- **City Council Members** Curt Bergman, Heather Conklin, Chase Haman, Justin Richardson, Mitch Peterson and Mayor Larry Runyan. Council meetings are held the second Monday of every month at City at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- **City has debit or credit card capability now!** Pay your utility bills using all major credit and debit cards or pay your utility bills online at <http://stratfordiowa.com/city-government/pay-city-utility-bill/> or in-person at City Hall. You can now pay your utility bill electronically thru the City of Stratford's website; stratfordiowa.com. There is a service charge of 2.65% or \$1.00; whichever is greater.
- **Mosquito Spraying** will begin at the end of May. It will continue every Thursday as needed, beginning at dusk; weather permitting. If you do not want your properties sprayed for mosquitoes or have other questions; please call City Hall at 515-838-2311 or email cityofstratford@globalccs.net.
- **Fireworks - 4th of July** consumer fireworks may be used or exploded only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 4th. The City of Stratford wants you to have fun and celebrate responsibly. However, violating fireworks laws **will** result in costly fines. If you have any questions, call City Hall at 515-832-2311 or email cityofstratford@globalccs.net.

PROJECT SHARE — Add a "PS" to help a neighbor

Many of our less fortunate neighbors are worried about keeping their families warm during the winter season. You can do something to help through **PROJECT SHARE**. Project Share is a plan that helps needy households pay a portion of their energy bills. Add a regular "PS" contribution to your monthly utility payments or make a direct donation. Your contribution is voluntary, flexible, and tax-deductible. To participate, simply call 515-838-2311, stop in at City Hall in Stratford.

NOTICE TO ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMER

The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) is a utility regulatory agency. If you have questions or complaints regarding your utility service, you may contact a utility representative at City of Stratford, 805 Shakespeare Ave., Stratford, IA 50249, 515-838-2311, or email cityofstratford@globalccs.net. If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and we do not resolve it, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board: call 877-565-4450 (toll free); or write to 1375 East Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069; or email customer@iub.iowa.gov. Low-income customers may also be eligible for free legal assistance from Iowa Legal Aid, and may contact Legal Aid at 1-800-532-1275.



Your Stratford Public Library is now open for checkouts, carryout, or curbside. If you want to go into the building to find your own materials, you will be asked to use hand sanitizer and put on a mask. If you would prefer not to do that, your librarians can still help you with carryout or curbside service.

The Library Summer Reading Program will be held a little differently this year. Starting June 2, there will be a series of 6 weekly Stories on a Stick. Each kid who completes the week's story and reads for at least 1 hour will receive the prize for that week. Stop by the library for a packet that includes all the details.

Don't forget eBooks and audio books are always available on bridges.lib.overdrive.com. You will need your library card number, give your librarians a call if you need help with that.



2020 STRATFORD SWIMMING POOL INFORMATION

The City of Stratford has finished hiring staff for the 2020 pool season. City Council approved the opening of the pool for the 2020 season as long as we follow the governor recommendations for opening. We are currently working on getting the pool ready to open for swim lessons and public swimming to starting on June 22, 2020. The pool will be making extra modifications to make sure all our patrons are safe at the pool this year, so please do not send your child to the pool if they are not planning on getting in the water. We will be doing three swimming lesson sessions starting at 10AM, 11AM, and 12PM. Swimming lesson forms are available on the website at Stratfordiowa.com, at City Hall or email cityofstratford@globalcc.net.

The Stratford Swimming Pool Assistant Managers are Emma Collicott and Taylor Hayden. Lifeguards include Aaron Graves, Lathe Muench, Rhett Grandfield, Cole Reiling, Hunter Sorenson, Gabriel Killian, Chloe Hicks, Chloe Hurtado, and Aurora Weidemann. Office Assistant Kylee Gregory.

The wading pool is intended for babies and toddlers. A reminder that there is no lifeguard on duty in the wading pool and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

All swimmers under the age of 18 are required to pass a deep end test each year to be allowed in the deep end area. Once completed, an arm band is received and **must** be worn at all times while you are in the deep end.

The 2020 pool season pricing is as follows: Daily Single Pass \$4.00; Family Season Pass \$95.00; Senior Partner Pass \$70.00 for ages 65 and older, Single Season Pass \$50.00, Single Senior Pass \$40.00 for ages 65 and older, a 5-Day Single Pass \$15.00; and a 10-Day Single Pass \$30.00.

If you have any additional questions please contact City Hall or look us up on the web at stratfordiowa.com. Or check us out on Facebook at Stratford Municipal Pool.

Come and enjoy the fun in the sun at your public pool for the 2020 season!

**STRATFORD MUNICIPAL POOL
SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION FOR 2020 SWIM SEASON**

Child's Name *(one child per form)*: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: **(required)** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Age of child: _____ Check session you prefer 10:00 11:00 12:00

****Check the level you think your child is in****

Beginner's _____ Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____ Level 3 _____ Level 4 _____

Swimming lessons will tentatively be held daily from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The sessions will be 45 minutes long. Costs for swimming lessons are \$25.00 per child. Swim Lesson spots are on a first paid, first served basis.

Send filled out registration form to City Hall.

You may email it to cityofstratford@globalccs.net, or drop it in the payment box outside City Hall, or mail it to PO Box 218 Stratford, IA 50249-0218.

If have any question please call City Hall at 515-838-2311.

SEASONAL REMINDER

The Stratford Public Works Department would like to remind residents **not to blow grass, leaves,** or other debris into the street. These can potentially cause clogging of the storm sewers which may result in flooding and can result in costly repairs which are ultimately paid for by the tax payers. Rain waters push grass, leaves and other debris that have blown into the street, down the curb line and into the storm drains. Stratford's Code of ordinance is as follows:

135.03 PLACING DEBRIS ON. It is *unlawful* for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, **leaves, grass** or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.369)*

Storm drains and storm sewers need to remain clear of grass, leaves, and other debris to allow storm waters to leave your area and drain out through the storm sewer system rather than backing up and causing flooding in your area.

If you have grass clippings and yard debris the city has a **yard waste only** site for the citizens of Stratford. Come up to City Hall and ask for a key to access the City owned debris site. Anyone living within Stratford's city limits may take **yard debris, grass clippings, leaves and small branches no larger than 4 inches in diameter,** to the site.

If you have any question please contact Stratford City Hall at 515-838-2311 or email cityofstratford@globalccs.net.

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If you subscribe you will get either text messages or emails of your choice of the current happenings or alerts that the City of Stratford puts up on our new website.

Some of the things that you can find on our new website will be current and past agendas and minutes from council meetings, library information, current events, forms, pool information, and much, much more. If you have something that you would like us to share with the community please give us a call and we will put it on there for you. Call us at 515-838-2311 or email cityofstratford@globalccs.net.