



City of Stratford

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FAQ's on Fluoride in the Stratford Municipal Water Supply

Is Stratford's Water Safe to Drink? Yes! The notices sent quarterly with the newsletters (and shown below) contain the required wording written by the Iowa Department of Public Health. Community water systems that exceed the fluoride level of 2.0 mg/L (the EPA minimum level) must provide special fluoride public notice to persons served. A recent sample taken from Stratford's water supply contained a fluoride level of 2.47 mg/L.

Does Stratford Add Fluoride to the Drinking Water? No. The fluoride in Stratford's water is naturally occurring. This water supply obtains its water from the limestone and dolomite of the Mississippian Aquifer. The 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.

What is an Unsafe Fluoride Level? The maximum level set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is 4.0 mg/L. Drinking water containing more than 4.0 mg/L can increase the risk of certain health issues. Stratford's drinking water does not contain unsafe fluoride levels but Stratford is required to notify persons served when a sample exceeds the 2.0 mg/L minimum.

~~~~~ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER ~~~~~

This notice being sent by the Stratford Muni Water Dept. PWSID# 4051002. Elevated Fluoride Levels Detected

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.

For more information, please contact Stratford City Hall Water Department at 515-838-2311. Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. In Iowa, home water treatment units are regulated under 641—Chapter 14, with the water treatment unit registration program administered by the Iowa Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Division. In addition, you may call the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International, at 1-877-867-3435. *Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses).*



TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

- **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.*
 - **City Website** *Check out the City of Stratford’s website where you can subscribe to alerts and public notices!*
 - **City Hall will be closed** *on Monday, September 6th, 2021 in observation of the Labor Day holiday & will reopen Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 8:00 A.M.*
 - **City Council Members** *are Heather Conklin, Chase Haman, HT Buie, Jim Mead, Mitch Peterson and Mayor Larry Runyan. Council meetings are held the second Monday of every month at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.*
 - **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. There is a service charge of 2.65% or \$1.00; whichever is greater.*
 - **Find out what IS inefficient** *in your home by borrowing the City’s Kill A Watt EZ. This is an electricity usage monitor that will show how many kilowatts an appliance can use.*
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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 or 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.



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 has 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.

Heating Assistance for Families: The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist low-income families with the cost of home heating. Applications are accepted on a first-come / first-serve basis as posted at your local community action office. The Community Action Agency for Stratford is Upper Des Moines Opportunity. A household may qualify for assistance in this program if its' income falls within a prescribed income range. When you apply, bring proof of income for the last 3 months, including verification of any fixed income such as Social Security benefits and Aid to Families with Dependent Children; a copy of your federal income tax return; and copies of your heating and electric bills. For more information, contact your local community action office located in Webster City, IA, 50595; 515-832-6451 or write to LIHEAP Community Action Department of Human Rights, IA Dept. of Human Rights, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, IA 50319.

Thinking about building a grain bin?

If you're planning to build or move a grain bin, either on your property or for someone else, you need to be familiar with Iowa's law on required distances from overhead electric lines. This law was put in place to provide protection from the hazard of contacting overhead electric lines to anyone working around grain bins with augers, elevators, or other equipment.

The drawings inside this brochure show the specific clearance requirements related to permanently installed augers and portable augers. There must be at least 18 feet between the top of any grain bin and any overhead electric lines. These distances were developed by the American National Standards Institute. Figure 232.4(b) can be found in the 2017 Edition National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) and the 2012 NESC. As your electric service provider, we're responsible for ensuring that these specifications are met. In fact, in any situation where minimum clearance requirements are not observed, the utility may refuse electric service.

If a new grain bin is on your list of projects, please give us a call. We will work with you in developing a site plan for your project.

Fig. 234-4(a) -- Clearance Envelope for Grain Bins

Filled by Permanently Installed Augers, Conveyors, or Elevators

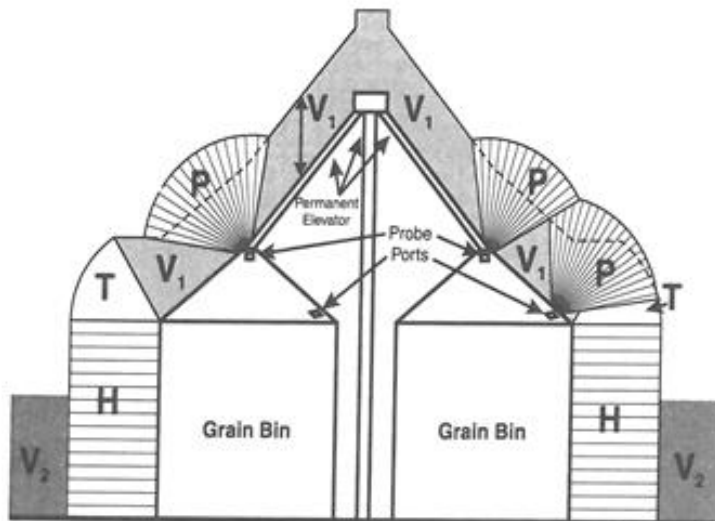
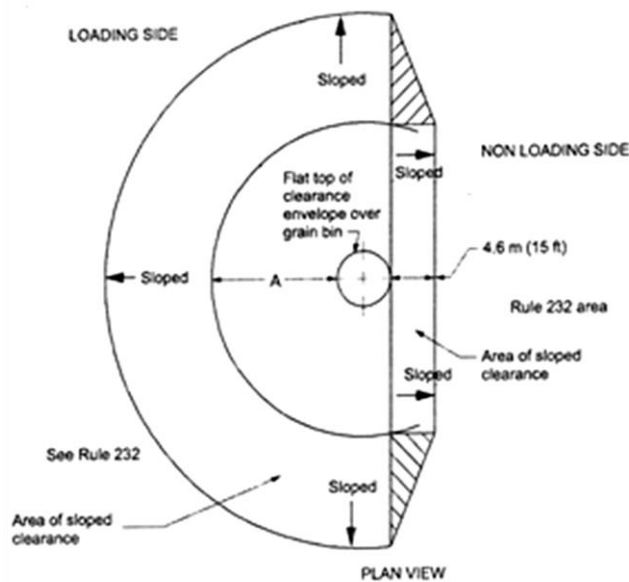
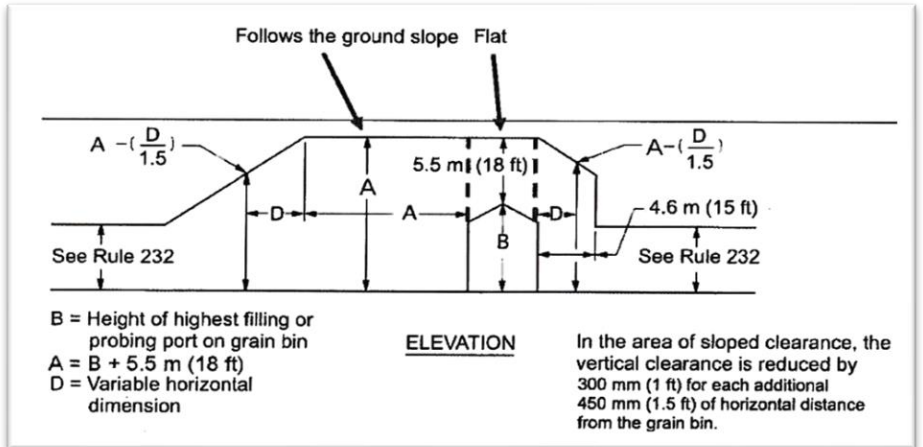
- P = probe clearance 5.5m (18 ft.)
- H = horizontal clearance 4.6m (15 ft.)
- T = transition clearance
- V₁ = vertical clearance above a building required by Rule 234C (Table 234-1)
- V₂ = vertical clearance above land required by Rule 232B (Table 232-1 or 232-2)

Figs. 234-4(b) Clearance Envelope for Grain Bins

Filled by Portable Augers, Conveyors, or Elevators

Grain Bin Clearance Guidelines

Source: The 2017 Edition National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), the 2012 NESC, and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI C2-2012).



The 2021 pool season's last day will be on Sunday, August 22nd; weather pending.

The City of Stratford thanks you for your patronage!

Families and folks of all ages from Stratford and surrounding communities made this pool season an enjoyable one. Our swim lesson program was held the week of June 21st thru 25th. There were 47 children who participated in this program, ranging in all skill levels. Many toddlers happily splashed in the wading pool this year. Kids also really enjoyed the concession stand; swimming burns up a lot of energy! Please note that our days of operation will be changing for the end of the season due to staff shortage. Please look at our Facebook page or call City Hall at 515-838-2311 for our new operating schedule.



If you are interested or you know someone that is interested in being a lifeguard next year, call Fuller Hall (515-832-9193) in Webster City as soon as possible. The lifeguard classes usually start in February and fill up very fast, so plan ahead!

The City of Stratford would like to thank all the patrons that came out and supported the pool this year. We know this was a difficult year due to staff shortage, but we appreciate your understanding and patience with us! If you would like more information about the Stratford Municipal Pool, you can look us up on the City's website at stratfordiowa.com, or call City Hall at 515-838-2311 between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or stop by the pool from 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm during pool season.

See you next year at the Stratford Swimming Pool!

Stratford Public Library

The Stratford Public Library will be offering Adult Arts Classes again this fall. As of right now, there are openings in the August 25th hand embroidery class and the November 17th Christmas ornament class. Stop by the library for more information.

The next Brown Bagger Book Discussion will be held on Wednesday, August 25th at 11:00 am. Stop in to the library for a copy of the book and join us for our discussion on the 25th. Everyone is welcome!



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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Stratford City Council has four positions available on the November 2nd ballot.

One of the most challenging and exciting responsibilities an individual can assume is to become a mayor or council member. The business of city government and local leadership presents a unique opportunity to resolve issues, accomplish goals, and affect the future of your community.

The City of Stratford conducts business on the second Monday of each month. The meetings are held at 7:00 pm, with additional work sessions anticipated during budget season (December - March) and special meetings when necessary. Regular meetings last on average two hours.

There are four four-year terms on the November 2nd ballot. These vacancies include a mayor and three council members. There are also two other positions on the November 2nd ballot to fill appointments to fill two vacancies. In order to hold office in the city, a candidate must be an eligible elector, meeting the same qualifications required to vote and be a resident of the city he or she plans to serve. Those elected will take office January 1, 2022.

Nomination papers may be picked up at either the City Clerk's office or the County Auditor's office or from the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office:
<http://www.sos.stateia.us/elections/electioninfo/CityElections.html>. Nominees must obtain ten eligible signatures. Candidate filing for mayor and council positions begins on Monday, August 23 and ends with papers due at the City Clerk's office by 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 16, 2021.