

2021

ANNUAL DRINKING

WATER QUALITY REPORT

This report is a snapshot of the drinking water quality that was provided last year.

Included are details about where your water came from, what it contained, and how it compared to state and federal standards. Our system makes every effort to provide you with safe and pure drinking water.

for
Buffumville Heights Estates
PWS ID #2226008



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Administration (FDA) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

~ CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL AND PREVENTION ~

Cross connections are the links through which it is possible for contaminating materials to enter a potable water supply. The contaminant enters the potable water system when the pressure of the polluted source exceeds the pressure of the potable source. The action may be called backsiphonage or backflow. Essentially it is reversal of the hydraulic gradient that can be produced by a variety of circumstances. A cross connection is an actual or potential connection between a drinking water pipe and a polluted source. The pollution can come from your own home. Using a backflow prevention device on your hose connection when washing your car, for example, can prevent backsiphonage of car wash chemicals into a water supply.

Buffumville Heights recommends the installation of low-cost hose bibb vacuum breakers for all inside and outside threaded spigots and hoses. You can purchase them at a hardware store or plumbing supply store. This is a great way to help protect the water system that serves your home and community!

~ IMPORTANT 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.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) – These standards are developed to protect aesthetic qualities of drinking water and are not health-based.

Office of Research and Standards Guideline (ORSG) – This is the concentration of a chemical in drinking water, at or below which, adverse health effects are unlikely to occur after chronic (lifetime) exposure. If exceeded, it serves as an indicator of the potential need for further action.

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 that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

90th Percentile – Out of every 10 homes sampled, 9 were at or below this level. This number is compared to the action level to determine lead and copper compliance.

ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

pCi/l = picocuries per liter (measure of radioactivity)

ND = Not Detected

N/A = Not Applicable

Perchlorate (ppb)	8/18/2021	0.126	N/A	2	N/A	N	Rocket propellants, fireworks, munitions, flares, blasting agents.
PFAS6 (ppt)	10/29/2021	11.3	N/A	20	N/A	N	Discharges and emissions from industrial and manufacturing sources associated with the production or use of these PFAS, including production of moisture and oil resistant coatings on fabrics and other materials. Additional sources include the use and disposal of products containing these PFAS, such as fire-fighting foams.
■ Fluoride also has a secondary contaminant level (SMCL) of 2 ppm.							
Radioactive Contaminants							

Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	4/23/2018	3.3	N/A	15	N/A	N	Erosion of natural deposits
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- Gross Alpha Particle Activity was sampled in 2018. Next sampling due in 2027.
- Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOCs) were sampled on 5/25/2021. VOCs were non-detected. Next sampling due in 2022.
- Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOCs) were sampled on 5/25/2021. SOCs were non-detected.

*Unregulated Contaminants	Last Date Collected	Result or Range Detected	Average Detected	SMCL (ppb)	ORSG	Possible Sources
Manganese** (ppb)	4/19/2021	0.016	N/A	50	Health advisory of 300 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium*** (ppm)	5/25/2021	6	N/A	N/A	20	Discharge from the use & improper storage of sodium-containing de-icing compounds or in water-softening agents.
Radon-222 (pCi/L)	10/20/2021	520 - 1620	950.96	N/A	10,000	Natural sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist US EPA in determining their occurrence in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. - **US EPA and MassDEP have established public Health Advisory (HA) levels for manganese to protect against concerns of potential neurological effects and a one-day and 10-day HA of 1000 ppb for acute exposure. - ***Sodium: Some people who drink water containing sodium at high concentrations for many years could experience an increase in blood pressure. 						

Drinking Water Violations ~

The PWS failed to complete required sampling of lead and copper in a timely manner, which is a monitoring and reporting violation. As such, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. Our system announced public notification upon awareness of the violation. We have since collected samples for lead and copper and will submit copies of the sampling results to the MassDEP upon completion. We will continue to monitor our water quality and collect all required samples per our MassDEP sampling schedule.

~ EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ~

SWAP (Source Water Assessment and Protection) ~

MassDEP has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for Buffumville Heights Estates. The assesses the susceptibility of public water supplies to contamination and makes recommendations.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for:

PWS NAME:

BUFFUMVILLE HEIGHTS ESTATES CONDOMINIUM

We violated monitoring and reporting requirements of the drinking water regulations. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific man-made and naturally occurring contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the monitoring period(s) listed below we did not monitor and/or did not complete all monitoring for the contaminant(s) listed below and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

WHAT THIS MEANS: There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for and/or report to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) during the required monitoring period(s).

Monitoring Period	Contaminant Group	Violation Comments
6/1/2021 9/30/2021	LEAD AND COPPER RULE	5 TAPS REQ'D

STEPS WE ARE TAKING:

In response to monitoring and reporting violations of the Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations, our system is taking the following corrective actions:

1. We are notifying our customers of the violation(s) by providing this public notice to you as well as submitting a copy of this public notice to the MassDEP and local board of health.

2. Sample Collection (check appropriate boxes):

We have scheduled to collect and analyze sample(s) for the contaminants listed above and will submit copies of the sampling results to the MassDEP upon completion.

We have already collected and analyzed sample(s) for the contaminants listed above and have submitted copies of the sampling results to the DEP. These contaminant(s) were collected AFTER the required monitoring period(s) on: _____ [Date].

3. We will continue to collect samples for all contaminants according to our most recent sampling schedule.

4. Other Corrective Actions Taken:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please share this information with all 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). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information or questions regarding this notice, please contact:

Responsible Party Name: Brianna Jordan at Phone #: 508 887 1419

CERTIFICATION:

DEP Reference Number: NON-CE-22-SD00013024-CSA

PWSID: 2226008

The Public Water system indicated above hereby affirms that public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with 310 CMR 22.16 including: delivery, content, format requirements, notification deadlines and that the Public Water system will meet future requirements for notifying new billing units and new customers of the violation. I certify under penalty of law that I am the person authorized to fill out this form and the information contained herein is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Notice Distributed by: Hand Delivery on 4/6/22

[Delivery Method] [Date]

Notice Distributed by: CCR on 7/1/22

[Delivery Method] [Date]

Signature of Responsible Party

4/6/22

Date