



Town of Brookline WATER & SEWER DIVISION

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Dear Water Customer:

The Annual Water Quality report to Consumers is a report on the quality of the drinking water supplied by the Town of Brookline in partnership with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA). We are pleased to be working with the MWRA in this joint communication on the quality of the drinking water arriving at your home or business. This annual report provides detailed information on the MWRA's source water reservoirs, which are the sole source of water distributed within the Town of Brookline, and the quality of water as determined through federal and state testing guidelines. Water quality test data, as well as the definition of the terms used in the drinking water industry, are presented in clear and readily understandable language. The water quality testing information is also presented as it relates to the health effects of tested contaminants.

In 2001, the Town successfully completed the rehabilitation of our entire water distribution system that delivers water through 138 miles of water mains to 10,000 customer taps.

Each year, MWRA and local water departments test tap water in homes that are likely to have high lead levels. The EPA rules require 9 out of 10, or 90%, of these sampled homes must have levels below the Lead Action Level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). Brookline is required to obtain samples from 15 homes during each sampling round. In our second round in 2010 two homes tested above the Lead Action Level putting Brookline over the 90% limit at 19 ppb. The Water and Sewer Division has been replacing lead services for many years and are down to just a few that are scheduled to be replaced in 2011 and 2012. This will complete our responsibility for Town owned services. Homeowners who have a portion of their water service pipe made of lead have been notified and a representative from the Water & Sewer Division has been to the property.

The Town of Brookline is committed to providing you with the best water possible. As our customers, we hope that you will find this report informative and useful. If you would like more information on a particular topic including town meetings, or have a specific question, please call the Water & Sewer Division at 617-730-2170, or contact the MWRA directly using the phone numbers listed in this report.

Sincerely,

Philip M. Trainor Jr.
Director – Water & Sewer