



## Town of Marblehead WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Public Water Supply  
# 3168000

### A PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT

From the Marblehead Water and Sewer Commission: Carlton Siegel, P.E., Chairman; John Doane, Vice Chairman; Wilbur Bassett, P.E.; N. Bradford Freeman; and R. Thomas Hamond.

Dear Marblehead Water Customer:

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and Marblehead Water and Sewer Commission have prepared this 2014 Drinking Water Report in compliance with federal drinking water regulations. This brochure contains information on MWRA's source water reservoirs, water system and treatment improvements as well as the results of water tests.

Oversight of Marblehead's water delivery system is the responsibility of an elected five-member Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. (The Commission is also responsible for the Town's sanitary waste and storm drain systems.) The day-to-day operations are managed by the superintendent and a staff of 22 skilled individuals.

Marblehead receives its drinking water from the MWRA. Two booster pumping stations maintain adequate pressure at all times and two water storage tanks, with a combined capacity of 2.5 million gallons, assure a sufficient water supply during peak demand periods.

Our water delivery system has no known lead service lines and therefore, there is no lead in the water supplied to our customers. The Commission tests for lead in tap water from fifteen Marblehead homes each year. The most recent results had Marblehead in the 90th percentile with 2.04 parts per billion, well below the Action Level of 15 ppb. Possible sources of lead in a home's drinking water, especially those with older plumbing systems, are corrosion of brass fixtures and piping and lead solder. Please refer to page 5 for more information on lead in tap water.

In addition to the pumping stations and water storage tanks, the Commission maintains 100-plus miles of water pipelines. A five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is reviewed and updated annually. Projects completed this year included the cleaning and lining of the main and the addition of six main line valves and five new hydrants on Seaview Avenue. A pilot program of valve assessment was also done and was deemed a success.

The Commission strives to keep its customers informed of water department activities through its public meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise noted on the website), and various forms of media. These include the Town's website ([www.marblehead.org/water](http://www.marblehead.org/water)); a quarterly newsletter, *The Flow N' Go*; and the "Notify Me" option on the website where residents can sign up to receive email notifications from the water department. During emergencies, CodeRed, a reverse 911 system, is used.

The Commission hopes that you found this Annual Water Quality Report interesting. We – the Commission, the superintendent and the entire water department staff – are committed to providing the highest quality of drinking water and the best service possible to our customers. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Superintendent Amy McHugh at 781-631-0102.

Sincerely,

F. Carlton Siegel, P. E.  
Chairman