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REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

This report is a snapshot of the quality of the drinking water that we provided last year. The statistics in this report are based on testing done throughout 2018 and prior years. We hope you will find it helpful to know the sources of your water and the process by which safe drinking water is delivered to your home.

Source Water Assessment Summary

The MassDEP has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for the water supply source serving the Dunstable Water Department. The report assesses the susceptibility of public water supplies to contamination and makes recommendations.

This report is available from the MassDEP website:

www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/ws/2081000.pdf. If you have any questions, please contact Small Water Systems Services, L.L.C., at 1- 978-486-1008.

A susceptibility ranking of high was assigned to all wells in our system by the MassDEP and they meet all US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MassDEP drinking water quality standards.

Be assured that the Dunstable Water Department in concert with its certified operator, Small Water Systems Services, L.L.C., is addressing the concerns as stated in the SWAP Report and welcomes your input to our planning.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided to public water systems. The Food and Drug 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. All 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 poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). Where to go for more information

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/>



Where Does My Water Come From?

The Dunstable Water Department (DWD) uses ground water as its source. We have two wells located off of Main Street that service the center of the town. These wells are called Salmon Brook Well #1 and Well #2. Well #1 was offline in 2018 but was fixed and put back online in February 2019. The wells are approximately 90 feet deep, gravel packed, with the current capacity to pump 250 gallons per minute. In 2018, the system included over 1 mile of water main, 101 services, and less than 1000 users.



SHOULD SOME PEOPLE TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

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.

Maintaining Water Quality

The Dunstable Water Department continuously strives to produce the highest quality water possible to meet or surpass every water quality standard. We monitor both our sources and distribution system very closely. The standards we operate under were enacted by the U.S. Congress as the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1974 and were amended in 1986 and 1996.

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Opportunities to Participate

Monthly Meetings

The Water Department meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Dunstable Town Hall. The public is welcome at these meetings.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about your water quality, the information contained in this report or your water service in general; please call us at our office
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