

Milwaukee Water Works

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Lake Michigan's Finest: Milwaukee's Drinking Water Sails Through Quality Checks

Milwaukee's drinking water utility says its water has once again met all state and national quality regulations. Even better, Milwaukee water is among the highest quality in the United States, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.

The utility is mailing its annual Consumer Confidence Report to all customers now through June. The report is required by the EPA of public drinking water suppliers. It is intended to encourage consumers to consider the challenges and costs of delivering safe drinking water, and to help protect their water source.

Copies of the Milwaukee Safe Drinking Water Report, in English and Spanish, are available at city government offices, health centers, and libraries. Read the report online at <http://www.milwaukee.gov/water>.

New this year is information for consumers on how to find and fix household water leaks. Leaks waste tremendous amounts of water and money. A toilet that "keeps running" or a dripping faucet can waste hundreds of gallons of water in one month. Fixing these leaks is just one small thing consumers can do to save money and conserve our water resource.

The Milwaukee Water Works treats Lake Michigan water in a multiple-step process to remove illness-causing microorganisms and contaminants. The water is disinfected with ozone, a highly reactive gas that destroys microorganisms, removes taste and odor, and reduces byproducts from chlorine disinfection. Coagulation, settling, and biologically active filtration remove additional particles. Fluoride is added for dental health. Final chloramine disinfection ensures safe drinking water throughout the distribution system and at consumer faucets.

Customers of the Milwaukee Water Works are the City of Milwaukee, Brown Deer, Butler, Franklin, Greendale, Greenfield, Hales Corners, Menomonee Falls, Mequon, New Berlin, Shorewood, St. Francis, Thiensville, Wauwatosa, West Allis, and West Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Water Works has invested \$227 million since 1998 in its infrastructure, from treatment plants to distribution systems, to ensure high quality drinking water and reliable supply.

Only Tap Water Delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for business and research, and overall quality of life.

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