

## Annual Water Quality Report Available: Lead Not a Problem in Edgerton's Drinking Water

In the spring of each year Edgerton's water utility publishes its annual drinking water report known as the Consumer Confidence Report. This DNR regulated report provides water quality information derived from samples taken from 20 different locations throughout the City. The report is available at City Hall and on the City's website at [www.cityofedgerton.com](http://www.cityofedgerton.com).

While lead is only one potential contaminant for which the City tests, recent media reports about lead in drinking water are prompting more people to learn if their water supply contains lead and what they can do to reduce exposure if lead is present. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there are no safe lead blood levels for young children. Because of this, CDC recommends that all sources of lead exposure for children be controlled or eliminated.

### Concerned about lead in water?

Most lead exposure is thought to occur from chipping or peeling lead-based paint or lead-tainted dust found in homes built prior to 1978. Lead from plumbing or water distribution systems is another potential source. Lead concentrations in drinking water should be below the EPA action level of 15 parts per billion.

Portions of the state where groundwater is slightly more corrosive (for example, low pH, low hardness, low alkalinity) generally have a higher percentage of water samples containing lead. Edgerton's water, which comes from deep wells, can be characterized as high hardness, mild alkalinity, and slightly above neutral pH.

Municipal water systems in Wisconsin distribute water that is typically hard water (less corrosive than soft water). Under these conditions, excessively high lead levels are not expected. However low levels of lead, even sometimes above 15 parts per billion, can be possible if lead components are found in the household water system or supply lines. The 2015 City of Edgerton Consumer Confidence Report found one residence of the 20 samples taken exceeded this standard. The report indicates the exceedance is typically caused by corrosion of the household's plumbing systems. All of the City's 20 water samples were taken as "first-draws". First-draw samples are designed to understand the worst case scenario; in other words, what is the

highest level of lead we would expect to see after water sits in the plumbing for an extended period of time (such as overnight).

Older homes are more likely to have lead containing components in the plumbing system. Prior to the 1940s, it is possible that lead piping was used as interior plumbing or for service lines. And up until 1984, lead solder may have been used to join together copper piping. The likelihood of finding significant amounts of lead in household water systems is much less in plumbing systems installed after 1984.

### Simple measures can help

Households can take some simple measures to both understand if there is lead in their drinking water and reduce exposure to lead if present.

Testing is the best way to determine if there is lead in your drinking water. When testing, consider conducting two tests—one on your "first-draw" water sample and another after flushing the water supply lines. These two tests can confirm if lead is present and whether flushing your water supply lines for two to three minutes is an effective way to reduce exposure. It is recommended that you use a certified laboratory to perform the water test. A list of certified labs is available at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).

Fortunately, when household plumbing is the source of lead, the solution can be relatively simple. Follow-up testing of households with lead in drinking water generally confirms that flushing the water from plumbing lines can be an efficient method of minimizing exposure to lead from drinking water. As an added precaution, do not use the hot-water tap for cooking or drinking water (especially for making baby formula).

Although lead may be receiving increased attention, the information and recommendations associated with lead in drinking water are not new. To address this ongoing issue, the DNR regularly updates the informational brochure [Lead in Drinking Water](#) which contains additional information that may be helpful. Local health departments are another source of information should people have additional questions regarding lead.

This article taken in part from "*Lead in Drinking Water a Concern for Some, but Reducing Exposure Often Simple*" by UW Extension

CITY SERVICE NOTES

PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Please call 884-3341 or inquire at City Hall for reservations and pricing information for the enclosed shelter at Racetrack Park.

CEMETERY & COMPOST

Fassett Cemetery—Flowers on the graves need to be removed by April 15th to get ready for spring cleanup. Flowers may be replaced no sooner than the Friday before Mother’s Day.

Compost-Looking for a place to dispose of leaves, grass clippings, twigs and garden debris? There is a compost pile located at the City Garage. These items will not be collected at the curb. Please do not leave garbage containers or bags at the compost bin.



Brush Pickup

starts the first Tuesday of April and runs through November, weather permitting. Limbs and branches should be bundled or put in garbage cans. Bundles should be no larger than 6 feet long and 24 inches in diameter, and bundles and garbage cans should not exceed 100 pounds. Residents may bring bushes, tree limbs and other brush to the city owned dump site located in the back of the Fassett Cemetery. For complete information regarding the brush pickup ordinance please see the City’s web site, www.cityofedgerton.com.

GRASS & WEEDS

Grass must be maintained at six inches or less, weeds at nine inches or less in the City. If grass and weeds are not maintained according to the City Ordinance, the Department of Public Works will mow and there will be a charge to the property owners. All trees, bushes, or vegetation should be trimmed over streets and sidewalks.

\*\*Please do not blow your grass into the street\*\*

Trees Over Sidewalks

All private trees over public sidewalks must be trimmed to 9 feet above the sidewalk. Shrubs must also be pruned to not infringe on the sidewalk.

BUILDING PERMITS

It is that time of year again. We are all thinking about the remodeling jobs that need to be done around our homes. As you are planning these jobs keep in mind some projects such as new decks, siding, fences, and sheds may require a permit. Please contact the City Hall at 884-3341 to see if your project requires a building permit.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Rock County Clean Sweep

How: Go to www.co.rock.wi.us or call 754-6617 ext 118 or ext 3.

RSVP REQUIRED!

What: Bring most waste products that are not collected during weekly collection. (Quantities are limited. Check website for specific items being collected.)

When/Where: Friday, June 17, at Edgerton DPW 12pm-2pm; Saturday, June 18 at the City of Beloit DPW 9am -12pm, and Saturday August 20, 9am-12pm Rock County garage.

TO THE CITY OF EDGERTON BARTENDERS

Your operator’s license will expire on June 30, 2016. A renewal application must be submitted to the City of Edgerton no later than May 12, 2016 to allow time for background checks to be completed. The applications will be approved at the June 6, 2016 Finance Committee meeting. Applications can be picked up at City Hall or on line at www.cityofedgerton.com.

Drinking Water Report

The annual Consumer Confidence Report of drinking water testing results is available at City Hall or at www.cityofedgerton.com.

Notice of Spring Election

The spring election will be held in the City of Edgerton on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Local Candidates are:

Mayor

Christopher Lund
Matt McIntyre

School Board

Amy Richardson
Kathy Klein
Matt Towns

Alderspersons

First District
Jonathon Frey

Second District

Dave Thomas

Third District

Chris Wellnitz

Please check out the Wisconsin Voter Information Center at www.gab.wi.gov/voters for everything you need to know about voting in Wisconsin. To learn more about the Voter Photo ID Law, go to BringIt.Wisconsin.gov

AQUATIC CENTER 25 YEARS OLD

The Edgerton Pool opened in its current location in 1991 and will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The Pool will open for the 2016 season on June 5th at noon. Hours from June 6-10 will be 6-8 pm. Starting June 11th the pool will be open its normal hours. There will be adult lap swim and water aerobics offered June 6-10 from 5-6pm.

Pre season sales and lesson sign-up will be May 23-June 4. Please check the pool windows for times. NEW THIS YEAR; a Rock County Super Season Pass is being offered for an additional \$10 to those who purchase an Edgerton Pool season pass. Ask the pool staff for more details. Evening swim lessons will be June 6-16 and June 20-30 5:10p-5:50p. Morning swim lessons will be July 11-22, July 23-Aug 5, and Aug 8-19.

FILLING YOUR POOL?

Alert! Before filling your swimming pool contact City Hall at 884-3341 to get a meter reading. We can deduct your sewer charge on the water used to fill your pool. The only requirement is that you call us before you fill your pool and again after you are done filling. This service is offered one time every 12 months to those customers who use a minimum of 1,000 gallons to fill their pool.

Large item pick-up is the 4th Wednesday of every month. To schedule a pick up, call Waste Management at 888-960-0008 at least 24 hours before the collection day.