



# WEST BURLINGTON CITY NEWSLETTER

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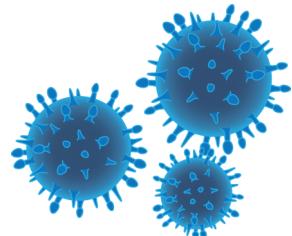
Together, we are facing a truly unprecedented situation. The coronavirus pandemic is affecting all our families, business, and our community's way of life. West Burlington City staff, Mayor, and City Council would like to reach out and update you on how we are approaching this situation.

First and foremost, our hearts go out to anyone who has been impacted. Our thoughts are with those who are sick, and we extend our heartfelt wishes for a full recovery. Our community has pulled together during this time and been truly inspired by the selfless front-line workers.

Secondly, the City of West Burlington is focused on the safety and health of our employees, families, and community. The City is working with local, county, and state partners to keep our community informed. In addition to monitoring the situation, the City is focused on continuing operations. City Hall has reopened to the public but will continue to offer alternative methods to limit person-to-person contact and maintain social distancing to help slow the spread of COVID-19 within our community.

## UTILITY PAYMENTS OPTIONS:

- **ON-LINE** payments [www.westburlington.org](http://www.westburlington.org)
- **DROPBOX** There is a green payment box located under the tree in the parking lot behind City Hall. The secure payment box is monitored by a surveillance camera & checked daily.
- **DIRECT PAYMENT PLAN** (AKA ACH payments) Payments can be taken directly from a bank account around the 12th of every month. We ask that you complete a sign-up form before your first payment.
- **MAIL** Payments can be mailed to 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, IA 52655



## FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES:

**EMAIL** - City Staff directory can be found at [www.westburlington.org](http://www.westburlington.org)  
**TELEPHONE** - Staff/departments can be reached at (319)752-5451

Lastly, we would like to thank our community for your continued patience and support as we collectively navigate this uncharted territory. Please continue to do your part in protecting the common good of public health and the safety of our community. Visit the city website at [www.westburlington.org](http://www.westburlington.org) or find us on Facebook under "City of West Burlington" for updates on City events and frequent news as state and county openings and closings change daily.



## FIREWORKS ON THE 4TH

The West Burlington Annual 4th of July Celebration will take on a different look this year. Due to COVID-19, our regular day-long celebration filled with downtown activities has been canceled, but the **FIREWORKS** show is set to continue. The sky will still light up at 10:01 pm from the Des Moines Fair Grounds to mark this year's holiday. Please find a place to park and watch the show while maintaining social distancing.

### FIREWORKS

<b>DATE:</b>	July 4th, 2020
<b>TIME:</b>	10:01pm
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Des Moines County Fair Grounds 1500 S Gear Ave (SCC)



# CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON

## WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2019

We are very pleased to provide you with the 2019 Annual Water Quality Report. This report keeps you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year and contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. West Burlington purchases water from the Burlington Municipal Waterworks. In 2019 our water quality testing showed the following results:



CONTAMINANT	MCL-(MCLG)	COMPLIANCE		DATE	VIOLATION	SOURCE
		TYPE	VALUE & (Range)			
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	0.00 (ND-32) *one sample exceeded AL	2019	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.04(ND-0.12)	2016	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	54.00 (27-10083)	12/31/2019	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	16.00 (10-39)	12/31/2019	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
950 -DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	2.5( 0.3 - 3.3)	9/30/2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes

### PURCHASED WATER INFORMATION

Our water system purchases water from Burlington Municipal Waterworks. Their water quality is as follows:

CONTAMINANT	MCL-(MCLG)	COMPLIANCE		DATE	VIOLATION	SOURCE				
		TYPE	VALUE & (Range)							
<b>Original Supply ID: IA2909053—BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS</b>										
01-S/EP FM MISS R. & WELLS 1,2, & 3										
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	11.3 PPM	5/20/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process				
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	3.3 (1.200– 3.300 PPM)	2019	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits				
Turbidity (NTU)	N/A (N/A)	TT	2.29 NTU (0.01-2.39 NTU)	N/A	No	Soil runoff				
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.0221	7/25/2018	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops				
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	.7	7/25/2018	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories				
Atrazine (ppb)	3 (3)	SGL	.17	7/25/2018	No	Runoff from herbicides used on cow crops				

### DEFINITIONS

\*Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

\*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

\*ppb - parts per billion.

\*ppm - parts per million.

\*N/A – Not applicable

\*RAA – Running Annual Average

\*NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Provides for on-the-spot measurement of turbidity in water.

\*SGL- Single Sample Result

\*Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

\*Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The

level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

\*Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

\*LRRA—Locational Running Annual Average

\*ND—Not Detected

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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 posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).



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).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. West Burlington Municipal Water is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## **CONTAMINANT VIOLATIONS**

West Burlington Municipal Water had no contaminant violations in 2019

## **SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

The West Burlington water supply obtains all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.

Original Supply ID: IA2909053

Original Supply Name: Burlington Municipal Waterworks

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Turbidity is an indicator of treatment filter performance and is regulated as a treatment technique. Our water utility is making every effort to protect the water system from potential security threats. You, as customers, can also help. If you see any suspicious activity near the water tower, treatment plant, wells or fire hydrants, please contact us at 319-752-5451 or the local police/sheriff department. We appreciate your assistance in protecting the water system.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact City Administrator Dan Gifford at 319-752-5451 during the following hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

\*Spanish: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.





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response is critical, and it directly impacts our local community. The Census is more than just a headcount. It is a snapshot of our community that will be used for the **next decade**.

## COMPLETING THE SURVEY IS EASY:

- You will answer a simple questionnaire about yourself and everyone who was living with you on April 1, 2020.
- The questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete.
- It is safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected.
- Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.

### CENSUS 101

## Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is required: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

United States  
Census  
Bureau



The deadline for completing the survey has been pushed back to mid August due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the end of August, Census takers will start going door-to-door to interview homes that have not completed their survey. **To avoid an in-person visit, complete the survey before August 11th.**

We would like to remind our citizens, businesses, and landlords to reach out to friends, family, employees, and tenants to make sure they have completed their 2020 Census Survey.

## COMPLETE THE SURVEY TODAY

By Phone: Call 1-844-330-2020

-OR-

On-line: Go to [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov)