

# City of Stratford Newsletter

## Spring 2023



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### NOTICE TO ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMER

The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) is a utility regulatory agency. If you have questions or complaints regarding your utility service, you may contact a utility representative at City of Stratford, 805 Shakespeare Ave., Stratford, IA 50249, 515-838-2311, or email [cityofstratford@globalccs.net](mailto:cityofstratford@globalccs.net). If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and we do not resolve it, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board: call 877-565-4450 (toll free); or write to 1375 East Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069; or email [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov). Low-income customers may also be eligible for free legal assistance from Iowa Legal Aid, and may contact Legal Aid at 1-800-532-1275.

### PROJECT SHARE — Add a "PS" to help a neighbor

Many of our less fortunate neighbors are worried about keeping their families warm during the winter season. You can do something to help through **PROJECT SHARE**. Project Share is a plan that helps needy households pay a portion of their energy bills. Add a regular "PS" contribution to your monthly utility payments or make a direct donation. Your contribution is voluntary, flexible, and tax-deductible. To participate, simply call 515-838-2311 or stop in at City Hall in Stratford.

Skip the late fees & never miss a payment again! Sign up for automatic withdrawal from your bank account to pay your utility bill by contacting City Hall at [515-838-2311](tel:515-838-2311).

### Public Notice Regarding Mosquito Spraying

Spraying for mosquitoes will be every Thursday as needed, beginning at dusk; weather permitting. Spraying may start at the end of May and continue through mosquito season. If you do not want your properties sprayed for mosquitoes or have other questions; please call City Hall at 515-838-2311 or email [cityofstratford@globalccs.net](mailto:cityofstratford@globalccs.net).



# 2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR STRATFORD MUNI WATER DEPT

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is ground water. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	ND	2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.3 (0.03 - 0.38)	2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	2.2 (1.5 – 3.3)	12/31/2022	No	Water additive used to control microbes
01 - S/EP WELLS 2 AND 4 AFTER TREATMENT						
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	2.6	04/11/2022	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	230	04/11/2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	0.8160	2022	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

## DENINITIONS

- 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.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- 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.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule

- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

## 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. STRATFORD MUNI WATER DEPT 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>.

## ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Fluoride in children's drinking water at levels of approximately 1 mg/L reduces the number of dental cavities. However, some children exposed to levels of fluoride greater than about 2.0 mg/L may develop dental fluorosis. Dental fluorosis, in its moderate and severe forms, is a brown staining or pitting of the permanent teeth, or both.

Because dental fluorosis occurs only when developing teeth (before they erupt from the gums) are exposed to elevated fluoride levels, households without children are not expected to be affected by this level of fluoride.

Families with children under the age of nine are encouraged to seek other sources of drinking water for their children to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting.

Your water supplier can lower the concentration of fluoride in your water so you will still receive the benefits of cavity prevention while the possibility of stained and pitted teeth is minimized. Removal of fluoride may increase your water costs. Treatment systems are also commercially available for home use. Information on such systems is available at the address given by your public water supplier. Low fluoride bottled drinking water that would meet all standards is also commercially available.

## SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the limestone and dolomite of the Mississippian aquifer. The Mississippian aquifer was determined to have low susceptibility to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide natural protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Mississippian wells will have low susceptibility to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 515-838-2311.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact STRATFORD MUNI WATER DEPT at 515-838-2311.

# STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Upcoming Events

- \*April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>: Story on a Stick
- \*April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15 pm: Early-out Movie
- \*April 20<sup>th</sup>: Bird Feeder Class  
(class is full - call to be placed on a waiting list)
- \*April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am: Book Discussion
- \*April 28<sup>th</sup> - May 6<sup>th</sup>: Book Sale
- \*May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:00 pm: Lego Club
- \*May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:00 pm: American Girl Club (currently full - call to be placed on a waiting list)
- \*May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am: Book Discussion



The library will be closed on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for Memorial Day.

## Park Shelter and Camping Rates

### Park rates for the 2023 Season

North Shelter with kitchen — \$25.00 per use

South Shelter — \$15.00 per use

Camping fee — \$15.00 per night

Please make reservations with Stratford City Hall at 515-838-2311 or email [cityofstratford@globalccs.net](mailto:cityofstratford@globalccs.net).



## SEASONAL REMINDERS

The Stratford Public Works Department would like to remind residents **not to blow grass, leaves,** or other debris into the street. These can potentially cause clogging of the storm sewers which may result in flooding and can result in costly repairs which are ultimately paid for by the taxpayers. Rain waters push grass, leaves and other debris that have blown into the street, down the curb line and into the storm drains. Stratford's Code of ordinance is as follows:

**135.03 PLACING DEBRIS ON.** It is *unlawful* for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, **leaves, grass** or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle.  
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.369)

Storm drains and storm sewers need to remain clear of grass, leaves, and other debris to allow storm waters to leave your area and drain out through the storm sewer system rather than backing up and causing flooding in your area.

If you have grass clippings and yard debris the city has a **yard waste only** site for the citizens of Stratford. Come up to City Hall and ask for a key to access the City owned debris site. Anyone living within Stratford's city limits may take yard debris, grass clippings, leaves and small branches no larger than 4 inches in diameter, to the site.

If you have any questions, please contact Stratford City Hall at 515-838-2311 or email [cityofstratford@globalccs.net](mailto:cityofstratford@globalccs.net).



A few days prior to digging call 800-292-8989 or 811: Iowa One Call. There is no charge to call for locating services.

WHY Call Before You Dig?

**Because it is the law!**

Remember, **always call 811**

before you start any digging project!



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

# Regulations for 2023

## City-Wide Clean-Up Day

The City of Stratford has GUIDELINES and RULES for the upcoming City-Wide Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. City residents must have items at the curbside by 7:00 am on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions concerning regulations for the City-Wide Clean-Up Day call City Hall at 515-838-2311 or email [cityofstratford@globalccs.net](mailto:cityofstratford@globalccs.net).

***If out of towners bring their junk into Stratford and use a residential location to get rid of their junk during Stratford's Clean-Up Day -- NOTHING will be picked up at that location***

### **The guidelines and rules are as follows:**

- No household trash. This should go in the regular weekly garbage pick-up.
- No food items. These items should go in regular weekly garbage pickup.
- No items from out-of-town residents or any location other than City of Stratford residents that reside in their homes.
- No liquid or hazardous materials. (Contract Household Hazardous Waste Facility 955-2781)
- No construction materials. (concrete or bricks)
- No yard waste. Yard waste can be taken by property owner to city debris pile.
- No auto parts, chopped tires or car batteries.
- No propane tanks.
- No large appliances or tires without pre-paid stickers.

*The above-mentioned prohibited items will not be picked up. If collection crews find prohibited items mixed in with other materials to be picked up, none of the items at curbside will be collected from that residence.*

**Large appliance guidelines:** (Maximum of 3 large appliances) All large appliances that need to be picked up require a pre-paid sticker on it. The cost for **each** pre-paid sticker will be **\$15.00**. Large appliances include washers, dryers, freezers, stoves, microwaves, humidifiers, air conditioners, water heaters, large TV's, and refrigerators. Call for other large items, they may require stickers.

**Tire guidelines:** (Maximum of 5 tires) All tires that need to be picked up require a pre-paid sticker on it. The cost for **each** pre-paid sticker depends on the size of the tire and if it includes a rim. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions.

Regular car tire without rim **\$5.00**

Regular car tire with rim **\$7.00**

Large semi tire **\$10.00**

Light truck tire without rim **\$7.00**

Light truck tire with rim **\$9.00**

Tractor tire **\$60.00**

**Pre-paid stickers will be available at City Hall until 4:30 on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The City of Stratford *will not* sell stickers after 4:30 on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**\*\*RECYCLE SYMBOL  
INDICATES RECYCLING WILL  
BE PICKED UP THAT DAY –  
PLEASE NOTE THAT FRIDAY  
PICK UPS INDICATE A  
HOLIDAY WEEK**

# 2023

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## TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

**Electrical Outage Procedures** If experiencing an electrical power outage during City Hall's business hours of 8:00 – 4:30 p.m., call 515-838-2311. When experiencing an electrical power outage after hours at your place of residence, call Maintenance Supervisor Dan Ostrem at 515-290-6942. If the whole town is experiencing an electrical power outage and Maintenance Staff doesn't answer, call Hamilton County Dispatch at 515-832-9500; or Midland Power Cooperative's emergency number, 1-800-286-2268. If all else fails, call 911.

**City Council Members** are Carol Bergman, Catherine Bergman, Terry Bryan, HT Buie, Brian Ouverson, and Mayor Larry Runyan. Council meetings are held the second Monday of every month at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

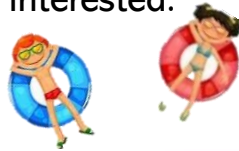
**City has debit or credit card capability!** Pay your utility bills using all major credit and debit cards or pay your utility bills online at <http://stratfordiowa.com/city-government/pay-city-utility-bill/> or in-person at City Hall. The service charge is 2.95% or \$1.00; whichever is greater.

**City Website** Check out the City of Stratford's website where you can subscribe to alerts and public notices!

**City Hall will be closed** on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in observation of the Memorial Day holiday & Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in observation of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.

## STRATFORD MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

The Stratford Municipal Swimming Pool is tentatively scheduled to open on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 2023 season. We will be open from 1:00-8:00 PM; weather and attendance pending. We are still looking for lifeguards for the season. Guards have a starting wage of \$10.00 per hour. Please contact City Hall if you or someone you know is interested.



## Recycling Information

Recycling is now being picked-up every other week. We have included a calendar with the recycling dates for the entire year in this newsletter. This is the new industry standard. If you feel that you are needing more room for your recycling, you can get a second can for \$5.64 per month added to your utility bill. Please contact City Hall if this is something you are interested in at 515-838-2311.



WWW.MUNICIPALIMPACT.COM



**PREPARE**  
YOUR HOME  
FOR *Springtime*

### Check for Leaks

Thawing can be difficult on pipes. Be sure to check joints and valves for leaks when turning on the water!

### Check The Roof

Spring is the time to get on the roof! Snow and ice thawing can cause roof shingles to loosen or buckle. Catch the damage quick and be sure to clean your gutters.

### Lubricate Hinges

Wintertime is hard on hinges. Spend some time lubricating exterior door, gates, garage doors, and window tracks, etc.

### Service Heating & Cooling

AC Units are put to the test each summer. Spring is the time to get them ready for the hot summer months!

### Check Ceiling Fans

Set the ceiling fans to rotate in a counter-clockwise direction so that cool air will blow downward.

### Check for Cracks

For both concrete and paint, spring is the time to check for cracks! Protect your home from the changing elements by filling or covering the wintertime cracks!

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## ***City Wide Spring Clean-Up Day is set for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023!***

**We have included a regulation list inside this newsletter, and it will also be available at City Hall. If you have junk to place curbside on that day, it will be important for you to view this list. Please have your junk at curbside by 7:00 am the day of the clean-up. Pre-purchased tags will be required for any large appliances and tires. Please contact City Hall with any questions.**



Consumer fireworks may be used or exploded only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. **on July 4<sup>th</sup>**. The City of Stratford wants you to have fun and celebrate responsibly. However, violating fireworks laws will result in costly fines. If you have any questions, call City Hall at 515-838-2311 or email [cityofstratford@globalccs.net](mailto:cityofstratford@globalccs.net).

## **The Stratford Promotion Committee Presents Stratford's Citywide Garage Sales Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Start cleaning out those closets and make plans early to participate! For more information call the Enchanted Mirror at 515-838-2447.

