

# City of Stratford Newsletter

Spring 2025



## Ordinance Change on additional fees

City council for the City of Stratford has passed an Ordinance for water with a few additional changes. The changes that will be included are fees. A \$50.00 fee will be assessed for any door notice. If the account is disconnected of \$50.00 plus \$20.00 trip fee will be assessed to the delinquent or disconnected account. If the account is re-connected a fee of \$75.00 plus \$20.00 trip fee will be assessed during regular business hours and \$100.00 after regular business hours shall be charged before service is restored to a delinquent customer. No fee shall be charged for the usual customary trips in the regular changes in occupancies of property.

## MOBILE EVENT

City of Stratford is having a mobile event thru NCIRSW (North Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency) to pick up Household Hazardous Material. The Event will be on May 2, 2025 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. They will be stationed at the Maintenance Shop. For more details please Contact Stratford City Hall.



## 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.

### Contact

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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).

## 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.

# 2024 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 groundwater. 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	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.24 (0.02 - 0.36)	2023	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	2.6 (0.7 – 3.8)	12/31/2024	No	Water additive used to control microbes
01 - S/EP WELLS 2 AND 4 AFTER TREATMENT						
Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	4.2	12/04/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	SGL	1.2	12/04/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
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	358	01/31/2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	0.5802	2024	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.

## 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.
- 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>.

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the result.

## ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

This is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age. At low levels fluoride can prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2.0 milligrams per liter (mg/l) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis). The Drinking water provided by our public water system has levels above 2.0 mg/L, but below 4.0 mg/L (see chart).

Dental fluorosis in its moderate or severe forms, may result in a brown staining and or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should be provided with alternative sources of drinking water or water that has been treated to remove the fluoride to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products. Older children and adults may safely drink the water.

Drinking water containing more than 4.0 mg/l of fluoride (the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standard) can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Your drinking water does not contain more than 4.0 mg/l of fluoride, but we're required to notify you when we discover that the fluoride levels in your drinking water exceed 2.0 mg/l because of this cosmetic dental problem.

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. Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. In Iowa, home water treatment units are regulated under 641-Chapter 14, with the water treatment unit registration program administered by the Iowa Department of Public Health's environmental health division. In addition, you may call the national Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International, at 1-877-867-3435.

## 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.

# UPCOMING AT THE STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM

June 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

July 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Park Shelter and Camping Rates

*Park rates for summer 2025*

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).



### Reminder Street Project

Hamilton County has a road project on Stage coach Road (Teneyck Avenue) coming through the City of Stratford this summer.

Fort Dodge Asphalt will be milling and resurfacing Teneyck Avenue from Highway 20 to county line or Chase Avenue. They are anticipating to be close to Stratford by June 2025. There is also culvert work being done

during this project, along with ADA Compliant sidewalks. There will be a flagger or pilot car available during this project.

Some roads may need to be closed for a short time. If you have any question please contact Stratford City Hall 515-838-2311 or [cityofstratford@globalccs.net](mailto:cityofstratford@globalccs.net).

### The Stratford Promotion Committee Presents Stratford's Citywide Garage Sales

Saturday April 26th, 2025

Garage Sales will start bright and early at 8:00 am. In previous years there have been upward of 30 sales going on at one time! The list of garage sales and maps will be located at City Hall, the Stratford Public Library, and the Enchanted Mirror by April 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information call the Enchanted Mirror at 838-2447



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

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!



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Stratford staff would like to inform the citizens of Stratford that maintenance staff will continue cutting down dead and dying trees **in the city right of way** and **on city owned property** due to Emerald Ash Borer disease.

The City has a Tree Plan, The City plans to take down 14 more trees this summer and fall. If you are question if your tree is on this year's plan, please contact Stratford City Hall at 515-838-2311 or email [cityofstratford@globalccs.net](mailto:cityofstratford@globalccs.net). Thank you for your patience.

### 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 tax payers. 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).

## TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

- **Remember to recycle!** There are items that must not be put into a recycling bin. Your recycling will not be picked up if a "no-no" is in your recycling bin. City Hall has a list of items that can and cannot be recycled. This list can also be found on the [stratfordiowa.com](http://stratfordiowa.com) website under the City Government tab – utilities & forms.
- **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 Brad Larson at 641-373-7676. 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.
- **Spring Clean-Up Day** is Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 7 AM. Please contact City Hall if you are needing more information on what you can and can't set out.
- **City Hall will be closed** on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in observation of the Memorial Day Holiday.
- **City Council Members** are Carol Bergman, Catherine Bergman, Terry Bryan, Clark Conklin, Chase Haman, and Mayor Brian Ouverson. 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 increasing to 2.95% or \$1.00; whichever is greater.
- **City is still looking for lifeguards!** The City would love to open the city pool this year, but without lifeguards this is not possible. The City pays for lifeguard certification over two years. There is a end-year bonus for all hours worked. All you need to do is be 15 years of age. If interested contact Stratford City Hall, or if you have questions call 515-838-2311 or email [cityofstratford@globalccs.net](mailto:cityofstratford@globalccs.net).

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## STRATFORD MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

The Stratford Municipal Swimming Pool is tentatively scheduled to open on Saturday, May 31st. Like a lot of other places across the county, we are currently experiencing a staffing shortage and do not have enough lifeguards to open the swimming pool currently. We are still accepting applications. Currently we have one lifeguard and maybe three possible that do not currently have lifeguard certifications. We also have a few that are part-time weekends. The last lifeguard class around here is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. After that we could not find any more classes for this year. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a lifeguard for the 2025 season, please have them contact Stratford City Hall right way at 515-838-2311 or [cityofstratford@globalccs.net](mailto:cityofstratford@globalccs.net). If we do not get enough lifeguards, the City Pool will not open this season. The City of Stratford is hopeful that we will be able to get enough to run for the season. The city council has also been increased wages. For updates regarding the season, please contact City Hall. Updates will also be posted on our website, [stratfordiowa.com](http://stratfordiowa.com), and our Facebook, Stratford Municipal Pool. Please help the City of Stratford get the pool, open for the 2025 season. Thank you for your understanding.