



2014 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

May 1, 2015

Re: 2014 Water Quality Report – Town of Gulf Stream

Dear Customers and/or Residents:

We are pleased to present to you this year’s Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Town of Gulf Stream purchases its water from the City of Delray Beach Utilities. The City of Delray Beach withdraws water from shallow under-ground aquifers, known as the “Anastasia Formation”, through wells and applies a lime softening process to treat the water. The Delray Beach Treatment Plant utilizes what is known as “Lime Softening Process” to treat raw water prior to distribution to its customers. Upon arrival at the Water Treatment Plant, the raw water is first aerated to remove natural gases. The water is then blended with lime in a clarifier for softening, color removal and iron removal. After the blending process the water is then filtered and disinfected per Federal and State drinking water standards. Prior to distribution, Fluoride is injected to maintain one part per million to prevent tooth decay.

This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the City of Delray Beach Water Plant 561-243-7318 or the Town Hall 561-276-5116.

The Town of Gulfstream routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our water monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2014. The data obtained, and presented in this report are from the most recent tests performed in accordance with the established drinking water laws, rules, and regulations.

The Town of Gulf Stream is responsible to test for total Coliform bacteria monthly and Lead and Copper every twelve (12) months in accordance with 40 CFR 141. Subpart I. The City of Delray Beach, the primary supplier, is responsible for the monitoring of additional Primary and Secondary contaminants prior to its delivery in accordance with Federal and State laws. This annual report is for the reporting period of January 1 to December 31, 2014. The City of Delray Beach exceeded limits for their Coliform bacteria testing, but the Town of Gulf Stream did not exceed those limits.

The chart below shows substances that the EPA requires our utility to report. To determine how we compare to the federal regulation, compare the column that shows the highest level allowed by EPA (MCLs) to the column that shows the level detected at our utility during 2014, our last testing period.

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates Of Sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded Y/N	90 th Percentile Result	No. of Sampling Sites Exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	Sept. 2014	NO	0.18	0	1.3	1.3 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	Sept. 2014	NO	3.0	0	0	15 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits.

DEFINITIONS: The terms and abbreviations found in the above table are defined below:

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.

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.

Parts per million (ppm) – one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) – one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

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

ND – means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found in laboratory analysis.

A – Absent

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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. The Town of Gulf Stream 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 on the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The source of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- a. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- b. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- c. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- d. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- e. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA prescribes regulations to limit the amount of certain contaminants water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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 microbiological contaminants are available from Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

We at the Town of Gulf Stream work around the clock to provide top quality water to all our customers. We ask that you help us protect our water systems, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.



**CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**



DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2014

(This report is mandated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and has been produced and distributed at our customers' expense)

The report is for Water Quality supplied to our customers from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. This report is intended to provide our customers with information relating to the quality of water produced by the City of Delray Beach Water Treatment Plant. Our Drinking Water is produced within the stringent governmental guidelines for treatment and testing of drinking water in the United States. (ESPAÑOL) Este es un documento muy importante con respecto a su agua potable. Este reporte está disponible en Español en La Casa Municipal cuando llame a (561) 243-7000 o visitenos en la Internet a www.mydelraybeach.com. (KREYOL) Ti Liv sa, se yon Dokiman trè enpotan Konsènan Kalite Dlo Ke ou bwe. Si ou ta vie, ou Kapab jwen'n li an Kreyol nan Komi'n Delray Beach la.

Health Information

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Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless. Special follow-up tests showed no harmful bacteria present in the water supply.

Why are Contaminants present in Drinking Water?

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- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
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Where Does Our Water Come From?

The City of Delray Beach withdraws water from a shallow under-ground aquifer known as the "Anastasia Formation". There are 30 raw water wells located throughout the City from which water is drawn and piped to the water treatment plant. We are currently operating under a water use permit issued by the South Florida Water Management District. Our water use permit allows for the withdrawal of up to 19.1 million gallons per day.

In 2014, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) performed a Source Water Assessment of our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about potential sources of contamination near City's wells. There were four potential sources of contamination identified for the City's system with low to moderate susceptibility levels. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program web site at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp or they can be obtained by contacting the city at (561) 243-7318. The city monitors for source water contaminants on a semiannual basis to ensure its safety.

How is Our Water Treated?

The City of Delray Beach Water Treatment Plant utilizes what is known as "Lime Softening Process" to treat raw water prior to distribution to our customers. Upon arrival at the Water Treatment Plant, the raw water is first aerated to remove natural gasses. The water is then blended with lime in a clarifier for softening, color removal and iron removal. After the blending process the water is then filtered and disinfected per the Health Department. Prior to distribution, Fluoride is injected to prevent tooth decay.

How we Ensure the Highest Water Quality?

During the treatment process as well as after the water is released into the distribution system, it undergoes a series of intense testing. Thousands of samples are analyzed each year for chemical, physical and microbiological parameters. The results of this test are compared with standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These results are indicated on the tables included below in this pamphlet. When reading these tables, the lower the test results, the higher the water quality. This ongoing testing and research is your assurance that water produced by the City of Delray Beach will be of the highest quality for consumption each time you turn on your faucet.

Additional Testing

We also conduct tests for the presence of 85 additional contaminants, such as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) & Pesticides, Unregulated Contaminants, Arsenic, Asbestos, Mercury and many others. We are pleased to report that all of these additional contaminants were below the detection limits of our sampling instruments. Compliance monitoring requirements for certain contaminants are less frequent than once per year since concentrations are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some results like Radiological contaminants are from previous years monitoring.

Additional Information

The Environmental Services Department of the City is open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm and can be contacted directly for questions and concerns relating to water quality. The City of Delray Beach conducts regular City Commission meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public and are an excellent forum for citizens to voice their questions and concerns. We have worked very hard to maintain a first rate facility and we welcome the public to tour our Water Treatment Plant. Tours can be scheduled by contacting the Water Treatment Plant directly. Further details of our water treatment process are also available at our web site www.mydelraybeach.com.

Important Telephone Numbers

City of Delray Beach Environmental Services Dept.	(561) 243-7322	Florida Department of Health	(904) 791-1599
City of Delray Water Treatment Plant	(561) 243-7318	Environmental Protection Agency	(800) 426-4791
Palm Beach County Public Health Unit	(561) 837-5900		

Interesting Comparisons

1 part per million is equal to	1 cent in \$10,000	1 second in 12 days	1 par in 55,500 rounds of golf
	1 inch in 16 miles	1 pound in 500 tons	

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Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's 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.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers a treatment, or other requirement that a water system must follow.

Abbreviations

Parts per Million (ppm)	Not Detected (ND)	Not Applicable (N/A)
Parts per Billion (ppb)	Picocurie per Liter (pCi/L)	

TEST RESULTS							
2014 CCR - CITY OF DELRAY BEACH							
Primary Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium (ppm)	10/14	N	0.00439 ppm	0.00439	2 ppm	2 ppm	(a)
Chromium (ppb)	10/14	N	1.84 ppb	1.84	100 ppb	100 ppb	(b)
Cyanide Total (ppb)	10/14	N	2.87 ppb	2.87	200 ppb	200 ppb	(c)
Fluoride (ppm)	10/14	N	0.93 ppm	0.09 – 0.93	4 ppm	4 ppm	(d)
Nitrate as Nitrogen (ppm)	10/14	N	0.202 ppm	0.202	10 ppm	10 ppm	(e)
Sodium (ppm)	10/14	N	30.4 ppm	30.4	160 ppm	160 ppm	(f)
Microbiological Contaminants							
Contaminant	Date of Sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	4/14	Y	13%	0 - 12	0	5%	(g)
Stage 2 Disinfectant/Disinfection By-Product (D/DBP) Parameters / Stage 1 Chloramines							
Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	11/14	N	31.1 ppb	7.5 – 43.0	0 ppb	80 ppb	(h)
Total Halo Acetic Acid (ppb)	11/14	N	24.4 ppb	9.0 – 35.9	0 ppb	60 ppb	(h)
Chloramines (ppm)	8/14	N	3.7 ppm	0.04 – 6.9	4 ppm	4 ppm	(i)
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Date of Sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded (Y/N)	90 th % Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead (tap water) ppb	09/14	N	3 ppb	0	0 ppb	15 ppb	(j)
Copper (tap water) ppm	09/14	N	0.18 ppm	0	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	(k)
Volatile Organic Compounds							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Toluene (ppm)	5/14-11/14	N	0.0007 ppm	ND – 0.0007	1 ppm	1 ppm	(l)
The following is a list of the definition and likely source of contamination for each detected contaminant.							
(a) Barium	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits						
(b) Chromium	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits						
(c) Cyanide	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories						
(d) Fluoride	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth at optimum levels between 0.7 and 1.2 ppm; discharges from fertilizer and aluminum factories.						
(e) Nitrate as Nitrogen Nitrite as Nitrogen	Formed when nitrogen is exposed to oxygen; both are elements occurring in nature. A likely source is erosion of natural deposits.						
(f) Sodium	Salt water intrusion; leaching from soil						
(g) Total Coliform Bacteria	Naturally present in the environment						
(h) TTHM's & HAA's	TTHM's & HAA's are contaminants formed when chlorine reacts with carbon compounds naturally occurring in ground water, such as chloroform. These items are a by-product of drinking water Chlorinating.						
(i) Chloramines	Water additive used to control microbes						
(j) Lead	Lead is an element occurring in nature and often occurs in water as the result of corrosion of household plumbing systems.						
(k) Copper	Copper is an element occurring in nature and often occurs in water as the result of corrosion of household plumbing systems.						
(l) Toluene	Discharge from petroleum factories						