

WATER TOWER NEWS

SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 4

UTILITY BILLING SCHEDULE

Utility billings mailed at the end of the quarter:

1st Qtr January thru March	Due April 25th
2nd Qtr April thru June	Due July 25th
3rd Qtr July thru September	Due October 25th
4th Qtr October thru December	Due January 25th

To avoid penalties, payments must be received in the town hall office or tower drop box, **by 4:30 p.m. on the due date**. DO NOT put payments in the U.S. Mail Box located in the town hall parking lot. The drop box for payments is located just right of the east entrance of the town hall. Also, note the amount due after the due date printed on the utility bill only reflects the first late fee. A late fee is assessed to the account every month on the 26th.

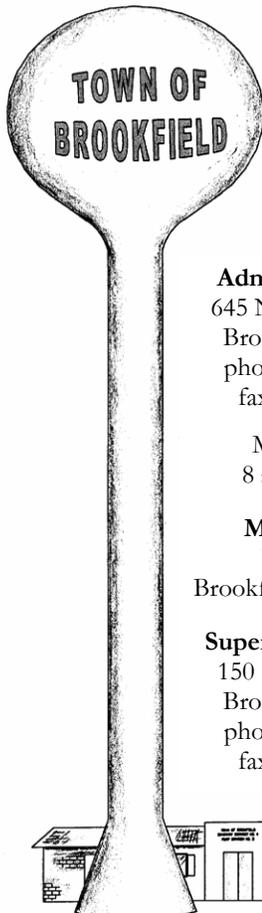
If you make a payment thru your bank online, please provide your account number so your payment will be applied correctly. Be sure to give your bank and the postal service 7 to 10 days to process and deliver your payment by the due date.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) are required by the Federal government under 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act. It requires Community Water Systems to provide information concerning water quality for the previous monitoring year, by July 1st of the following year. The report identifies contaminant and monitoring violations, and potential health effects created by those violations, based on results reported to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Sanitary District No. 4 is pleased to report that this year the drinking water provided to you is again safe and meets all federal and state requirements. Our wells are located in the shallow aquifer which means that we **do not** have radium problems as some of our neighboring communities do.

The report will be published in the Sanitary District's official newspaper, The Freeman, on **Friday May 27th**. Copies of the report will be available in the town hall lobby, or if you call our office, we will be happy to mail one to you upon your request. You can also find it on the Town of Brookfield website: <http://www.townofbrookfield.com/SD4.html>



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Superintendent's office:
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WELL PERMIT RENEWALS



Packets have now been mailed to property owners with well permits issued in 2006, telling them that it is time to either renew their private well permit or to abandon their well. To provide a safe sample, it has been recommended that you draw your water before summer's hot peak.

If you have any questions regarding the renewal of your private well permit, please do not hesitate to call the Sanitary District office, or you can check the town's website at www.townofbrookfield.com under

WATER SOFTENER SETTINGS

Setting up your water softener requires you to know the grains of hardness of the water. The water provided by the Sanitary District from our six wells ranges from **27 to 28 grains** of hardness. A reminder, by switching to a demand softener you will be using less water, which will lower your water and sewer bills, and the number of bags of salt you will need to purchase.

Office Closed
Monday, May 30th & Monday, July 4th



WATER METER REPLACEMENTS

If you receive one of our blue postcards, you need to call our office to set up an appointment to have your water meter replaced. This is done at no charge to you. We just ask for a few minutes of your time. All of our employees carry a photo ID and travel in white vehicles with our blue logo. If you should be concerned, please call our office.

SUMMER IS AROUND THE CORNER

With summer just around the corner, home owners are beginning to think about improvement projects. If one of your projects is to install new siding on your home, please contact our office at 262.798.8631. One of our field staff will come out and remove the ROM, the outside remote reader, which is connected to your home.

If your construction projects are such as installing decks, fences or planting trees, please remember to call **Digger's Hotline** by simply dialing **811** from any land line or cell phone. Or, you can place an online request at www.diggershotline.com.

Digger's requires a three day notice, so residents should take this into consideration before planning to do construction work or landscaping.

Be aware that Sanitary District No. 4 will only mark from the main in the street, to the shut off valve in the right of way. All plumbing in the yard and into the home was installed by a private contractor. The Sanitary District does not have information as to the location of the private side of the laterals. Also, water and sewer laterals are generally buried five to six feet deep to avoid winter freezing. Remember, it's better to be safe than sorry!

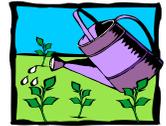


**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

A reminder to all municipal water customers that, in accordance with Town Code and Sanitary District Ordinance, sprinkling restrictions remain in effect at all times. Sprinkling is permitted as follows:

Odd-numbered property addresses are permitted to sprinkle only on odd-numbered days of the month and only between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Odd-numbered day is determined by whatever day of the month it is at 6:00 p.m. and carries through to 8:00 a.m. the following day. The same holds true for even-numbered property addresses on even-numbered days.



DRINK MORE WATER, IT IS GOOD FOR YOU

With summer activities and physical fitness upon us, make sure you drink enough water. Water is absolutely essential to the human body's survival.

Dehydration has many effects, the most common being fatigue, weakness, headache, lack of concentration and even cramping and nausea.

Water can also aid in weight-loss. Not only will drinking water before and during your meal help you feel full, water can help to provide energy without calories and is never stored as fat. It helps metabolize stored fat.

Water also naturally moisturizes skin and ensures proper cellular formation underneath layers of skin to give it a healthy, glowing appearance. Drink up!

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Happy Spring!! By the time you read this article, we will have completed our first quarter meter reading, and I must add, our new AMR meters have cut our reading time. We are in our third year of installing the new meters, and we have already cut a day off of our meter reading time. The time is a good thing, but I tend to be happier about keeping my guys farther away from snowdrifts, downspouts, dogs and fences. Snow and ice can make meter reading treacherous. It's great to step into the 21st century and maybe save life and limb.

Also, we will be done flushing every hydrant in this great town of ours. I know to some of you this may seem to be wasteful, but I assure you it is very important to make sure that the hydrant in front of your house is in working order. You know our job is not only about CLEAN WATER (and the sewer side) but fire service is also a priority to us. Back in the day, before iron filters, we had to do a lot more flushing to get the pipes scoured. Now with the filters, the iron isn't there to settle out in the mains or your toilet, so this means less flushing.

As long as I'm talking about clean water, I would like to report on the testing we did earlier this year. The EPA and the DNR have sent us a boatload of tests to do this year. We have pretty good water, so they cycle us on the big tests every couple of years. We tested for Inorganic, Synthetic Organics, Volatile Organics, and the popular Chromium 6. We are good on all tests. I tested for Chromium 6 not because I had to, but because it is getting so much press lately. Articles say the EPA will soon regulate, and Chromium 6 was found in Madison. I guess I wanted the chance to tell you that we received a no detect for Chromium 6 in our water. Like I have been telling you for years, this is the good stuff. When it gets warmer, we still have to test for Lead & Copper, but that has not presented a problem in the past. And we will also need to test for TTHM & HAA5, which are disinfection byproducts, but that's usually a surface water problem so I'm not worried about that. We have passed those tests before. Just in case you are wondering what we are doing with the dollars you give us, this pack of tests cost over \$6000. That's over and above the regular tests we are required to take every week and every quarter.

If you read my spring letter in 2010 you can skip ahead. Every year I ask that you sprinkle, if you must, late or early in the day. Mid day sprinkling is lost to evaporation, which is great if you want to do some cloud seeding, but not so great for your lawn.

That's about all I have for now. Sounds like we will be busy for a while with a new shopping center and getting ready for the Bluemound Road tune up in 2012. Please keep your eyes open for water in strange places, or strange people near our well houses. I have a very suffocated computer with a super alarm system but it can't do it all.

Thanks for your help. Enjoy the summer, sprinkle your lawn at night, and remember drink water, it is good for you!

Terry Heidmann – Superintendent