

WATER TOWER NEWS

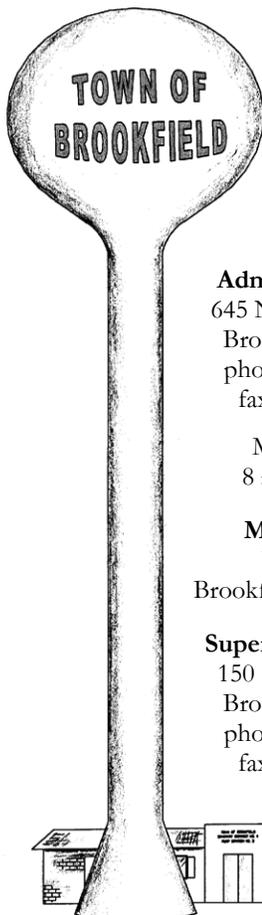
SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 4

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT FOR 2012

Sanitary District No. 4 is proud to present this year's Water Quality Report and even more proud to announce 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 was published in the Sanitary District's official newspaper, The Freeman, on Friday April 12th. Copies of the report are now 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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Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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20 Things You Should Never Flush

To help you avoid causing plumbing problems and keep your toilet flushing correctly, you should not flush these items down the toilet. Ever.

- ◆ **Band-Aids** - Made out of non-biodegradable plastic.
- ◆ **Cotton Balls & Q-Tips** - They don't magically break down and gather together, eventually clogging pipes.
- ◆ **Food** - Can clump together and cause clogs. Compost or trash it.
- ◆ **Facial Cleaning Pads** - thicker than toilet paper
- ◆ **Dental Floss** - NOT biodegradable. Will wrap around small clogs to make them even bigger.
- ◆ **Hair** - clogs pipes, so imagine that, but on a much larger scale.
- ◆ **Dirt** - Dump it outside, not in the toilet.
- ◆ **Dryer Sheets** - Made out of synthetic materials, not biodegradable.
- ◆ **Prescription Medicines** - Destroys bacteria and contaminates groundwater. Bring meds back to pharmacies for disposal.
- ◆ **Grease & Fat** - Congeals once it cools down, filling pipes with a solid mass that blocks pipes.
- ◆ **Pesticides** - Destroys the good bacteria used to break down waste at the treatment plants.
- ◆ **Baby & Cleaning Wipes** - Too thick, can cause clogs.
- ◆ **Disposable diapers** - They are giant & made out of plastic.
- ◆ **Cat Litter** - Same as sand, but filled with toxic cat feces.
- ◆ **Tampons & Pads and Condoms** - Bad news for sewage treatment plants because they gum up the works.
- ◆ **Dead Pet Fish** - Can cause problems with clogging.
- ◆ **Cigarette Butts** - Full of toxic chemicals that pollute waterways
- ◆ **Chewing Gum** - Can literally gum up the works
- ◆ **Nail Polish & Remover and Cosmetics** - Toxic.
- ◆ **Toilet Scrubbers** - Do we have to say why?

So what's left to flush? Just toilet paper made from 100% recycled paper, of course, and human waste - that's it.

WELL PERMIT RENEWALS

Packets have now been mailed to property owners with well permits issued in 2008, 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 Departments for the Sanitary District's information.



Office Closed

Monday, May 27th & Thursday, July 4th

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.

SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions apply to "all" of our water customers and are in effect at all times throughout the year.

- 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.

Know what's below.
Call before you dig.



Don't forget ...

CALL Digger's Hotline

3 Business Days Before You Dig!

FIRE HYDRANT SAFEGUARD

We are sure our firemen will agree, **please don't** plant trees and scrubs in front or around a fire hydrant located on your property. It is not easy for our personnel to flush them, and if the need arises, the fire department may have a potential problem locating and using them.

If you see anyone taking water from a hydrant, please report it, as **it is illegal** to take water from a fire hydrant. During business hours, call the Sanitary District office at 262-798-8631. After business hours, call the Police Department at 262-796-3798.



Mark your calendar for the next scheduled **hydrant flushing** which will be **October 7th thru October 25th.**

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - "It's new. Not really but it is great!"

Announcing a great new diet beverage. It has NO calories, tastes great, has been rumored that six glasses a day will melt off pounds. Estimates are drinking 64 oz. of water a day will help you burn an extra 70 calories. It is basically tasteless, and will take all sorts of flavor enhancers, even liquor. All that, and it is inexpensive enough that you can treat yourself to a bath in it. What could this super product be?? I'll give you a hint. It's so great that Pepsi and Coke put it in plastic bottles and sell it at a 1000% profit margin. If you have read my articles, you probably know I'm talking about the great tasting water we provide for the crazy rate of only \$1.33 for 1000 gallons.

As long as I'm on kind of a rant, I have to tell how the EPA is spending your money now. I have been in the water biz for going on 35 years. And for all that time and before, the approved material of choice for water meters has been brass. Well, in California some Siberian lab rats have been fed lead for forty years and now low and behold, one in a million have health effects. So, the EPA said NO lead in any plumbing parts. OK, maybe that's not the way it worked, but the federal government has decided that California must know something so they told the EPA to get the lead out. So they say to us "you can't install any meters with lead in them. Lead is a very small part of brass, but it is in brass. What that means to us is that we have to install new meters which are no-lead when we change them. This is going to have a real impact on the next round of large meter changes. On the 1-1/2", 2" and 3" meters that have an abbreviated service life, we will now change them rather than rebuild them in house. As you could guess, when you take the lead out, the more the meters cost. This is a huge expense, and maybe I would not be so upset, but as you probably know, we do Lead and Copper testing, and we always pass. At work, this will hurt the budget, but as a Sanitary District customer, I can also feel the pain.

By the time you read this we will have completed our spring meter reading and flushing all of the hydrants. Some of those spring duties took place in the snow, but this is Wisconsin, and we love her unpredictable nature. We have started with our warm weather duties. No matter what the weatherman says, we work with a calendar. The new tower is in the mix and appears to be working as designed. I guess we can take "sprinkler police" off our list of duties for a while. Soon you will see us in the road exercising the valves. Just a note, my guys are like the Maytag repairmen. They are never noticed until you grab that faucet and nothing comes out, and that has not happened to most of you. So when you see them, give them a wave so they know their service is appreciated. Thanks, maybe this would be as good as a raise that I can't give them because we are trying to keep the rates reasonable and I have other expenses. See above.

This report has been the opinion of your Superintendent, not necessarily the Sanitary District. He also would like to wish you a great summer and drink more water, it's good for you!

Terry Heidmann – Superintendent