

The Mill City Messenger



CITY OF
MILL CITY

PUBLIC NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN MILL CITY

Control of Noxious Vegetation Required

Mill City Municipal Code Section 8.04.080 requires property owners to control and eliminate noxious vegetation on property within the city limits from May 15 to September 30 each year. No owner or person in charge of property shall allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right of way of a public thoroughfare abutting on the property. An owner or person in charge of property shall cut down or destroy grass, shrubbery, brush, bushes, weeds or other noxious vegetation as often as needed to prevent them from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or, in the case of weeds or other noxious vegetation, from maturing or from going to seed. The term "noxious vegetation" includes,

- (a) Weeds or grass more than 10 inches high.
- (b) Poison oak or poison ivy.
- (c) Blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line.
- (d) Vegetation that is either a health hazard, fire hazard, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous.

The control of noxious vegetation is the property owner's responsibility. However, the city is willing to abate the nuisance on a particular parcel of property at the request of the owner or person in charge

of the property for a fee sufficient to cover the city's abatement costs. Even in the absence of such requests, the city may abate all such nuisances 10 or more days after publication of this notice and charge the cost to the property owner or to the person in charge of the property or to the property itself.

The purposes of the city's ordinance are to encourage property owners to eliminate fire hazards which can be caused when high grass and noxious vegetation is close to combustible structures/buildings and to improve the appearance of the city's residential neighborhoods. Mayor Kirsch and the City Council thank you in advance for complying with the city ordinance.

Join Your Neighbors, Be a Catalyst of Community Improvement

Show that you value living in Mill City by promoting and preserving its quality of life. Volunteer as an Individual, Family or Organization. (You don't need to be part of a Canyon Catalyst group project.) Visit the City of Mill City website, Volunteer Opportunities tab to see a list of ideas and needs. If you already do volunteer work on your own, please let the Canyon Catalyst Contact Person know so your efforts are recorded. Contact information is also on the City's Volunteer Opportunities page.

FOR WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES CALL US FIRST

- Monday - Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM (503) 897-2302

AFTER HOURS

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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**MILL CITY WATER SYSTEM
ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2020**

We are pleased to provide you with this Consumer Confidence Report regarding the quality of our drinking water for the year of 2020. Our goal is and always has been, to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

Why you are receiving this report.

Congress passed the **Safe Drinking Water Act** over 45 years ago and gave the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the job of making rules--National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR)-- to insure that drinking water in the US is safe.

In 1996, Congress passed amendments that require drinking water systems to give consumers information about their water, including where it comes from, what is in the water, and how the water quality compares with federal standards. This report is being provided to you in accordance with EPA's **40 Code of Federal Regulations, NPDWR Parts 141 and 142.**

If you have questions about your water.

This report describes the water quality and what it means. If you have questions about this report or concerning the water quality please contact City Hall or call **Russ Foltz, Public Works Supervisor, at 897-2302.** You are also invited to attend any regularly scheduled meeting of the Mill City City Council. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's beginning at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 444 S 1st Avenue, Mill City.

Where does Mill City water come from?

The City of Mill City takes its water from two municipal wells inside the city limits of Mill City. These wells were placed on-line in April 2005. Until then Mill City's water supply was a surface water source from the **North Santiam River.** The City has requested a copy of the source water assessment report, which was completed in 2007 for the new well supply. This report covers the city's well water supply during the calendar year 2007. Routine monitoring and testing of water quality is performed to assure clean, safe drinking water

What constituents might be in water?

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. This report shows our water quality and what it means.

The City of Mill City routinely monitors for constituents in the drinking water in accordance with federal and state laws. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as:

- * Microbial constituents, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- * Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic waste water discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- * Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agricultural and residential uses.
- * Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring.
- * 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.

Are there constituents in Mill City Water?

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. The presence of constituents 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 and the Oregon Health Division at 1-503-731-4317.

Coliform Bacteria, what is it?

Coliform are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. **Mill City water is tested monthly for this, and none has been detected.**

Is the City of Mill City’s water monitored for constituents?

Although we routinely monitor for more than 100 constituents, the table below will show only those constituents for which a **detectable level** was found.

Lead and copper in tap water results shown are for the most recent monitoring completed in June 2019. As you can see by the table below, our system had no violations for contaminant levels. Mill City’s drinking water meets and/or exceeds all Federal and State requirements for constituents. The EPA has determined that Mill City drinking water **IS SAFE** at these levels.

Important Information:

We’re proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. The City received the “Outstanding Performer” designation after the Water System Assessment that was completed in April 2020.

Contaminant	Violations Yes / No	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)	Maximum Contaminant Level	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Constituents						
14. Copper	No	0	ppm	1.3 mg/L	AL=1.3 mg/L	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching of wood preservatives
17. Lead	No	0	ppm	.015 mg/L	AL=15 mg/L	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home’s plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home’s water you may want to flush your tap water for 30 seconds to two (2) minutes before using the water. If you have further concerns, you may wish to have your water tested by a water testing lab. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person’s total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink two (2) liters of water every day at the MCL level for a life-



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TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30PM
PLANNING MEETINGS, THIRD FRIDAY OF
EACH MONTH, 9:00AM—HEARINGS; THIRD
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30PM

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time to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to constituents in drinking water than the general population. Those who may be at a higher risk are 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 who can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC has published guidelines on the appropriate ways to lessen the risk of infection from cryptosporidium and other microbiological constituents. These guidelines are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Please call City Hall, 503.897.2302, if you have any questions.

We work hard to provide top quality water. We ask that all our residents help us protect our water source, which is the heart of our community and way of life.

Russ Foltz
Public Works Supervisor

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION MOVING FORWARD

The Mill City Fourth of July Committee is pushing forward with an Independence Day Celebration for 2021!

Saturday, July 3: Festival Grounds with vendor booths, beer garden and live music

Sunday, July 4: Festival Grounds with vendor booths, beer garden, live music and a parade (no fee for parade entry but donations are welcome!)

Times to be announced.



Celebrate

Dad, Step-Dad, Grandpa, Uncle,
Godfathers, Adoptive Dads,
Dads-in-Law, Expecting Dads,
Pet Dads, Honorary Dads....

ALL the great men in your life!

Sunday,
June 20,
2021!

A GOOD FATHER IS
ONE OF THE MOST
UNsung, UNPRaised,
UNNOTiced, AND YET
ONE OF THE
MOST VALUABLE
ASSETS IN OUR
SOCIETY.

-BILLY GRAHAM