

# The Mill City Messenger



CITY OF  
MILL CITY

## MILL CITY WATER SYSTEM

### ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2013

We are pleased to provide you with this Consumer Confidence Report regarding the quality of our drinking water for the year of 2013. 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 25 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 **John Dickinson, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's beginning at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 444 S 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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#### FOR WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES CALL US *FIRST*

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### ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2013 - CONT'D

#### 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, 2012 through December 31, 2013. 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.

The Oregon Health Division and DEQ completed a "Source Water Assessment of the Mill City Water System", dated January 14, 2002, based on the City's surface water intake from the North Santiam River. Additionally, an assessment was completed in 2007 based on the City's water intake from the new well site. A copy of these reports has been requested from DEQ and once received, will be available at City Hall for your review. Copies may be purchased for a nominal fee.

#### 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?

Mill City routinely monitors for constituents in its drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013. 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 September 2010. 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. We have learned through the monitoring process that some low levels of constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that Mill City drinking water **IS SAFE** at these levels.

**TEST RESULTS  
OF CITY OF MILL CITY WATER SYSTEM**

<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>Violations Yes / No</b>	<b>Level Detect- ed</b>	<b>Unit of Meas- ure</b>	<b>Maximum Contami- nant Level Goal (MCLG)</b>	<b>Maximum Contami- nant Level (MCL)</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamina- tion</b>
<b>Inorganic Constitu- ents</b>						
14. Copper	No	.195	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumb- ing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching of wood pre- servatives
17. Lead	No	.0065	ppm	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumb- ing; erosion of natural deposits.

Note: One sample site has an action level that exceeded the Health Division requirements. This was due to the age and type of piping inside the home and does not affect water quality in the community water system.

**Important Information:**

We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. While we have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected, the Environmental Protection Agency has determined that your water is safe at these levels.

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 lifetime 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.**

**John Dickinson  
Public Works Supervisor**



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Council Meetings, Second and Fourth  
Tuesday of Each Month, 6:30PM

Planning Meetings, Second Friday of Each  
Month, 9AM

4th of July Meetings, First Wednesday of  
Each Month, 7PM

**TO READ MINUTES GO TO:**  
**WWW.CI.MILL-CITY.OR.US/DOCUMENTS/MINUTES**  
**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**  
**CITY OF MILL CITY, OREGON**  
**AND**  
**MILL CITY 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Mill City Planning Commission will hold the following public hearing at its regular meeting on August 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the City Hall, 444 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, in Mill City. The Commission will consider the following proposals:

- (1) File No. 2014-04 Variance to lot depth requirements 175 SE Ivy St., Mill City

The City has received a land use application from Grant Merrill, the property owner’s representative, to grant a variance to the lot depth requirements to add a 22’ wide by 50’ deep piece of land to the back of a lot at 175 SE Ivy St. The R-2 residential zone stipulates the depth of a lot cannot be more than 2.5 times the width of the lot. In this case, the allowed lot depth is 125’ deep. The applicant proposes to add 22’ to the existing 125’ deep lot, creating a lot that will be 147’ deep. There is an existing manufactured home on the property. The house is within 5’ of the back property line and the homeowner has been using the area behind the house as a back yard for many years. The applicant proposes to acquire a 22’ deep lawn area behind the house and add it to the manufactured home lot at 175 SE Ivy St. Linn County Assessor’s Map T09S R3E Section 32BB, Tax Lot 06500.

The application, decision criteria and staff report will be available at City Hall seven days prior to the hearing. Any person wishing to provide testimony must address the decision criteria. Decision criteria for a variance are found in Title 17, Section 17.56.030 of the Mill City Zoning Code. The Searchable City Code can be viewed under “Documents” at the City of Mill City website: <http://www.ci.mill-city.or.us/> Failure to raise an issue precludes appeal and failure to specify to which criterion the comment is directed precludes appeal based on that criterion.

City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please call City Hall (503-897-2302) by noon the day before the meeting if you need an interpreter for the hearing impaired or any other special accommodation. If you have any questions related to the application, call City Hall (503- 897-2302).