



NEWS SPLASH

From the General Manager's Desk

With the arrival of Spring it is time to issue our 2008 annual Water Quality Report, and is a good time to update you on water company activities. For those new members since our last newsletter, on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff I want to welcome you!

Since 1925 this community has worked together in building a member-owned utility to provide quality drinking water, and of sufficient quantity for fire protection. As a private company we are governed by our Bylaws, which require membership in the company before being allowed to receive water. Each membership represents equal ownership in the assets and liabilities of the company, and permits voting rights for the election of Directors and other company business.

During the 2008 election the membership voted to approve changing our Articles of Incorporation. As described in our letter that went out to all members prior to the October election, the purpose of this change is to tie all memberships to the tax parcel to increase efficiency, simplify the voting process, and save money for members. When property with a Mt. View-Edgewood water service is purchased, the membership will automatically transfer with the property sale. Membership certificates will no longer be issued or recorded with the County. To insure clarity and conformity with current state law, the Bylaws were revised effective February 1, 2009. Copies of the Bylaws are available at the office, and are also published on our website at www.mtvewater.com.

During the next 3 months office staff will be converting our customer data base and billing to a new software system. In the process we are reviewing each member record to insure accuracy and a smooth transition. If your contact information has changed over the years, please write a note or call Karen at the office so she can update your record with the correct telephone number and contact information. Without accurate contact information we have no way to quickly inform you about service interruptions, important notices, or future plans.

As you know, we are a non-profit company that shares expenses amongst our members. Since we do not have large commercial accounts and economies of scale, the Board and staff work hard to reduce costs in every possible area. The rising costs of providing service (particularly with increased regulatory costs) requires us to adjust our rates accordingly. Beginning in April, all water bills will reflect an increased base fee (\$3 more per month for a typical 3/4" water meter service and proportionally more for larger size meters). The rates per unit of water continue to remain unchanged. We understand that any increase can be difficult for our members, but we must cover expenses to continue to provide healthy water service to your home.

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Water System Plan - Capital Improvements

The Board of Directors and staff continue to monitor and maintain our water system to insure many years of service at minimal cost. Although in operation since 1925, we have worked diligently to replace aging infrastructure on an efficient time schedule and cost basis. We just learned that last year's Pressure Zone project won the "Excellence in Engineering Award" for the Pacific Northwest by the AWWA. Additionally, we continue to seek new ways to leverage technology to the benefit of the water company members.

After a successful trial run of Automatic Meter Reading technology, we are beginning the process to convert all of our customer meters to AMR technology. Although the initial costs are significant, the payback is achieved in approximately 7 years despite a 20+ year life expectancy and benefit. AMR technology improves meter reading accuracy, frees staff to perform other critical functions, greatly improves staff safety, provides data that allows efficient system management, quickly identifies leaks, and improves customer service. Throughout this summer you will see our field personnel replacing all our meters with AMR meters. Brief service interruptions will be inevitable when your meter is replaced. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding throughout this process.

Future capital improvement projects include the Meridian widening project. Because of our practice to place water mains in private easements, as DOT widens Meridian during 2009 they will have to move our water mains and services at DOT expense instead of at our expense. This will save our members in excess of \$1.3 million dollars.

Water Use Efficiency Information

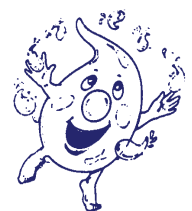
We have completed our Annual Water Use Efficiency Performance Report for last year (2008), and submitted it to the Department of Health. A copy of the report is posted on our website (www.mtviewwater.com) for your review.

We are happy to report that Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company continues to operate efficiently and in an environmentally conservative manner exceeding State standards. Every water system has distribution pipes that leak underground, and has customers with plumbing leaks. Leaks not only waste water, but also waste electrical power to pump our wells and fill our reservoirs. Leakage increases customer costs, and wastes our most precious natural resource.

While we use customer meters that meet or exceed industry standards, these meters by design under-register, particularly during low-flow conditions which often occur with customer leaks. As a meter ages, the amount of under-registration increases, which results in customers receiving more water than they are being charged. This unmeasured water is in effect a "leak" and is a significant part of our "leakage percentage."

During 2008 MTVE Water pumped a total of 310,813,566 gallons of water. Customer meters and water used for water quality maintenance (flushing) totaled 281,853,248 gallons. This puts our leakage percentage at 9.3%, which already beats the State goal of 10%. We also exceeded our stated goal of achieving a 0.25% reduction in customer consumption per year over the next six years. Customer consumption in 2008 has dropped by 4% (15,000,000 gallons less than during 2007).

As we change all customer meters during 2009 from manual read to the new AMR technology, we anticipate that our leakage percentage will be further reduced in future years.



MT. VIEW-EDGEWOOD WATER COMPANY

2008 Water Quality Report

This report describes the Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company's drinking water sources and quality, and programs that protect the high quality of our water supply. It conforms to the federal regulation requiring water utilities to provide this information to their consumers annually and contains information with specified language and data that must be repeated each year.

Safe drinking water is an essential resource for our consumers. **The bottom line is this: our water is safe to drink. Our water quality meets or exceeds state and federal standards.**

The information in this report is also submitted to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). Both DOH and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) monitor our compliance with the many regulatory standards and testing protocols required to ensure safe drinking water.

MT. VIEW-EDGEWOOD'S WATER SYSTEM

The Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company currently utilizes groundwater from 7 wells for its public water supply. These wells are located in the central, south, and southwest portions of our service area. In the central area, Wells #3 (S04), #6 (S06) and #7 (S07) draw water from a perched system aquifer, and wells #1R (S10), #5 (S05), #8 (S08), and #9 (S09) draw water from the Redondo-Milton aquifer. All wells are in deep aquifers making them less susceptible to contamination. Wells #1R and #9 were the most productive wells in 2008, and both are equipped with an emergency generator for operation during power outages.

There are two steel tanks in the southern part of our service area (referred to as the South Reservoirs) that provide a combined total of 1.2 million gallons of storage, and one steel reservoir (North Reservoir) that stores 1 million gallons in the north portion of the service area (and is equipped with an emergency generator).

Due to the high quality water provided by our groundwater sources we do not currently treat our water with any chemicals. Water quantity also continues to be excellent, with no future shortages anticipated!

In March of 2005 we completed a comprehensive Wellhead Protection Plan (WHPP). The WHPP identifies our well recharge area and potential sources of contamination. Wells 3, 6, and 7 have a low contamination susceptibility rating and wells 5, 8, 9, and 1R have a moderate contamination susceptibility rating. The WHPP is available for viewing at our office.

DEFINITIONS:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

ND - Not detected

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - The unit of measure for turbidity (clarity or purity).

Part Per Million (ppm) - One part per million or one milligram per liter (mg/L) corresponds to one penny in \$10,000.

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

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/l) - A measure of radiation.

WATER QUALITY DATA

The following table lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentration of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Not shown in the table are 29 inorganic chemicals, 81 synthetic organic chemicals, and 63 volatile organic chemicals which were tested for but not detected. Not shown are over 184 microbiological samples taken throughout the distribution system. All compliance samples tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

Inorganic Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level	Range of Detection	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source of Contamination
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	3.8	0.2 - 3.8	Aug 08	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Microbiological Contaminants							
Turbidity (NTU)	5	NA	0.5	N/A	July 08	No	Iron or Manganese particles.
Radioactive Contaminates							
Radium 228 (pCi/L)	NA	0	0	ND - 2	Oct 05	No	Decay of natural and manmade deposits.
Contaminants with action levels rather than MCL's							
Inorganic Contaminants	AL	MCLG	Highest Level	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.79	Aug 06	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead (ppm)	0.015	0	0.005	Aug 06	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

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/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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 a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). **The sources of drinking water** (both tap water and bottled water) include 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. **Microbial contaminants,** such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. **Inorganic contaminants,** such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. **Pesticides and herbicides** may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. **Organic Chemical Contaminants,** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. **Radioactive contaminants** 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, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Additional questions or comments about the Water Company's water quality, water supply, or other general drinking water issues can be directed to the following contacts:

- Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company, 11610 - 32nd St E, Edgewood, WA 98372-2099, 253-863-7348, Mike Craig, System I.D. #568203
- Environmental Protection Agency, Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791.
- State Department of Health, NW Drinking Water Regional Office, 20435 72nd Ave. So., Suite 200-K-17-12, Kent, WA 98032-2358, 253-395-6750.

The Board of Directors meet at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday following the 10th of each month. Member comments and involvement are welcome. Comments, concerns, or other issues should be brought to the attention of the General Manager prior to the first of the month for scheduling purposes. Members are encouraged to participate by running for the Board of Directors. Please call our office at 253-863-7348 or consult our website at www.mtviewwater.com for more information.