

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY. Mike and Terre Marshall live on Sunset Drive in Lake Point. The Marshalls have managed to beautifully xeriscape their yard making their annual water usage less than 0.65 ac/ft.

BE A PART **OF THE** SOLUTION

DESERT NEWS - Jan. 20, 2014 of emergency. A limited water supply is predicted west of the Continental Divide, according Conservation Center data in its first forecast

TO ALL OUR SPOTLIGHT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXAMPLE

ANNUAL CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

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TYPE AND SOURCE OF OMWC'S WATER SUPPLY

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your Our water sources have been water. determined to be from groundwater sources. Our sources are from two deep wells (Hole-In-The-Rock & Big Canyon Wells) located in the northern part of the Oquirrh Mountains in Tooele County.

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN

The Drinking Water Source Protection Plan for OMWC is available for your review. It contains information about source protection zones, potential contamination sources and management strategies to further protect our sources from contamination. Please



Home of Michael & Sondra Donivan

Landscaping Needs?

In this issue we will be highlighting

This free consultation is available to all residential and commercial "outdoor" customers. To take advantage of this valuable offer please contact our office by phone (801) 508-0397 or e-mail us at





several Lake Point homes that have completed their landscaping in a drought-conscious way. Do you need help with this? OMWC continues to offer our FREE 2-hour consultation with Jennie Hover, landscape designer and water conservation specialist.

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Home of Mike & Terre Marshall

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS **MEETING**

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the General Manager, Keith Fryer at (801) 508-0397. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings.

The 2014 Shareholders meeting will be held on March 13th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the corporate offices of Oquirrh Mountain Water Company, 925 W. 100 N., suite F, North Salt Lake, Utah 84054.

This report shows our water quality and what it means to YOU our customer. We hope you enjoy it! ~OMWC Staff

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SEAGULL LILY FLOWER lole in the Rock Well, Lake Point

contact us if you have questions or concerns about our source protection plans. There are many connections to our water distribution system. When connections are properly installed and maintained, the concerns are very minimal. However, unapproved and improper piping changes or connections can adversely affect not only the availability, but also the quality of the water. A cross connection may let polluted water or even chemicals mingle into the water supply system when not properly protected. This not only compromises the water quality but can also affect your health. So, what can you do? Do not make or allow improper connections at your homes. Even that unprotected garden hose lying in the puddle next to the driveway is a cross connection. The unprotected lawn sprinkler system after you have fertilized or sprayed is also a cross connection. When the cross connection is allowed to exist at your home, it will affect you and your family first. If you'd like to learn more about helping to protect the quality of our water, call us for further information about ways you can help.

OMWC is pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements.

OMWC **SPOTLIGHTS:** LANDSCAPING **DONE RIGHT**

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW...

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a onein-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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 from their health care providers about drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We at Oquirrh Mountain Water Company work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.





All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or man-made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All 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 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.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Oquirrh Mountain Water Company is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

BENEFITS OF DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPING:

Planting drought-tolerant landscaping is a smart move for any homeowner - not just those who live in Utah where there is little rain. This landscaping can tolerate long periods without rain or other watering. They keep their color and shape in the most inhospitable of climates. Planting droughttolerant flowers, bushes, and grass, a practice known as xeriscaping, makes a lot of sense in other maintaining their yards. Since they require less water, they also save homeowners money in watering costs. Planting flowers and bushes that are native to the region and therefore thrive in the region's typical conditions magnifies your home while keeping your water usage down.



| | TEST RESULTS | | | | | | | |
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| | | | Level | | | | | |
| | Contaminant | Violation Y/N | Detected ND/Low- High | Unit Measurement | MCLG | MCL | Date Sampled | Likely Source of Contamination |
| | Microbiological Contaminants | | | | | | | |
| | Total Coliform Bacteria | N | ND | N/A | 0 | Presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples | 2013 | Naturally present in the environment |
| TEST RESULTS | Fecal coliform and <i>E.coli</i> | N | ND | N/A | 0 | If a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i> positive | 2013 | Human and animal fecal waste |
| In the following table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions: | Turbidity for Ground Water | N | 1.2 | NTU | N/A | 5 | 2013 | Soil runoff |
| | | | | Inorga | nic Conta | aminants | | |
| | Antimony | N | ND | ppb | 6 | 6 | 2013 | Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder |
| | Arsenic | Ν | 1.6 | ppb | 0 | 10 | 2013 | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes |
| Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the | Barium | N | 107 | ppb | 2000 | 2000 | 2013 | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits |
| constituent is not present. Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million | Beryllium | N | ND | ррb | 4 | 4 | 2013 | Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries |
| corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000. Parts per billion (ppb) or | Cadmium | Ν | ND | ppb | 5 | 5 | 2013 | Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints |
| Micrograms per liter (ug/l) - one part per billion corresponds | Chromium | Ν | ND | ppb | 100 | 100 | 2013 | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits |
| to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000. | Copper A - 90% results B - # of sites that exceed the AL | N | A - 260 B - 0 | ppb | 1300 | AL=1300 | 2013 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits |
| <u>Picocuries per liter (pCi/L</u>) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water. | Cyanide | Ν | ND | Ppb | 200 | 200 | 2013 | Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories |
| <u>Nephelometric Turbidity Unit</u> (<u>NTU</u>) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of unetar Turbidity in exceeded | Fluoride | N | ND | ppb | 4000 | 4000 | 2013 | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. | Lead A - 90% results B - # of sites that exceed the AL | N | A – 0.27 B - 0 | ppb | 0 | AL=15 | 2013 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits |
| <u>Action Level (AL</u>) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements | Mercury (inorganic) | Ν | ND | ppb | 2 | 2 | 2013 | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; run off from cropland |
| which a water system must follow. | Nickel | Ν | ND | ppb | 10000 | 10000 | 2013 | |
| Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest | Nitrate (as Nitrogen) | N | 70 | ppb | 10000 | 10000 | 2013 | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. | Selenium | N | 1.02 | ppb | 50 | 50 | 2013 | Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines |
| | Sodium | N | 19.7 | ppm | None set by EPA | None set by EPA | 2013 | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills. |
| <u>Maximum Residual</u> <u>Disinfectant Level (MRDL)</u> - The highest level of a | Sulfate | Ν | 21 | ppm | 1000* | 1000* | 2013 | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills, runoff from cropland |
| disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing | *If the sulfate level of a pu | | | | | nstrate that: a) no better water is ava all water having a level above 1000 p | | e water shall not be available for human |
| evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for | TDS (Total Dissolved | Ν | 313 | ppm | 2000** | 2000** | 2013 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| control of microbial contaminants. | solids) Thallium | N | ND | ppb | 1 | 2 | 2013 | Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass and drug |
| <u>Date</u> - Because of required sampling time frames i.e. | **If TDS is greater than 1000 | ppm the supplier | shall demonstrate to | the Utah Drinking Water | Board that no be | etter water is available. The Board sh | all not allow the | factories use of an inferior source of water if a better |
| yearly, 3 years, 4 years and 6 years, sampling dates may | source is available. Disinfection By-products | | | | | | | |
| seem out-dated. | TTHM [Total | N | 4.0 | ppb | | 80 | 2013 | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| | trihalomethanes] Haloacetic Acids | N | ND | ppb | 0 | 60 | 2013 | By-product of drinking water |
| | Chlorine | N | 0.24 | ppm | 4 | 4 | 2013 | disinfection Water additive used to control |
| | | | | | | taminants | | microbes |
| | Alpha Emitter | N | 2.7 | pCi/1 | 0 | 15 | 2010 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| | Combined | N | 1 | pCi/1 | 0 | 5 | 2010 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| | Radium 228 | Ν | <0.1 | pCi/1 | 0 | 5 | 2010 | Erosion of natural deposits |