



# Leland Farms

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## REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

This is Leland Farms' annual report to you on water quality. The statistics in this report are based on testing done throughout 2009 and prior years. We hope you will find it helpful to know the sources of your water and the process by which safe drinking water is delivered to your home.

### *Where Does My Water Come From?*

Leland Farms is located in Sherborn, MA and draws its water from one bedrock well that is approximately 900 feet deep. The water is pumped to a 5,000 gallon storage tank and from there pumped to the distribution system.



### *Is My Water Treated?*

Our water system makes every effort to provide you with safe and pure drinking water. To improve the quality of the water we deliver to you, we treat it to remove several contaminants. Presently, the water from our well is treated using two ion exchange water softening units. It then passes through a UV system for disinfection. The water quality of our system is constantly monitored by us and the DEP to determine the effectiveness of existing water treatment and to determine if any additional treatment is required.

### *Maintaining Water Quality*

Leland Farms continuously strives to produce the highest quality water possible to meet or surpass every water quality standard. We monitor both our sources and distribution system very closely. The standards we operate under were enacted by the U.S. Congress as the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1974 and were amended in 1986 and 1996.

In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, the DEP and EPA prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.



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*The water system at Leland Farms is operated and maintained by WhiteWater, Inc. If you have any questions about this report, please contact Russell Tierney at 1-888-377-7678.*

*Additional copies of this report are available upon request.*



## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER QUALITY

This report summarizes only those items detected during sampling - not all contaminants that are monitored.

<i>Microbial Results</i>	Highest # Positive in a Month	MCL	MCLG	Violation	Possible Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	1	0	No	Naturally present in the environment

Coliform are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used to indicate that other, potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Your water source is tested monthly and has been found to be free of these contaminants.

<i>Lead &amp; Copper</i>	Date(s) Collected	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile of Sample	Action Level	MCLG	# of Sites sampled	# of Sites Above Action Level	Violation	Possible Source of Contamination
Lead (ppb)	2009	4.5	15	0	5	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Copper (ppm)		0.41	1.3	1.3			No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

### Key to Tables

- ppm – Parts per million, corresponds to one penny in \$10,000
- ppb – Parts per billion, corresponds to one penny in \$10,000,000
- pCi/L – Picocuries per liter
- ND – Non-detect
- n/a - non applicable

## TESTING FOR LEAD

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. **Leland Farms** 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>.

## SOURCE WATER CHARACTERISTICS

The sources of drinking water in the United States (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.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, 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 wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which 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, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production. These contaminants can also come from gasoline storage, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## SUMMARY OF FINISHED WATER CHARACTERISTICS

<u>Regulated Contaminants</u>	Date(s) Collected	Highest Detect Value	Range Detected	MCL	MCLG	Violation	Possible Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Nitrate (ppm)	4/8/09	0.47	n/a	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits

<u>Unregulated Contaminants</u>	Date(s) Collected	Result or Range Detected	SMCL	ORSG	Possible Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>					
Sodium (ppm)	4/8/09	79.8	-	20	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	1/28/08	28	250	-	Natural Sources
<b>Organic Contaminants</b>					
Bromoform (ppb)	7/16/09	1.0	-	-	By product of drinking water chlorination

Sodium is a naturally-occurring common element found in soil and water. It is necessary for the normal functioning of regulating fluids in human systems. Some people, however, have difficulty regulating fluid volume as a result of several diseases, including congestive heart failure and hypertension. The guideline of 20 mg/L for sodium represents a level in water that physicians and sodium sensitive individuals should be aware of in cases where sodium exposures are being carefully controlled. For additional information, contact your health care provider, your local board of health or the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment at 617-624-5757.

<u>Secondary Contaminants</u>	Date(s) Collected	Result or Range Detected	SMCL	ORSG	Possible Source of Contamination
Zinc (ppm)	1/28/08	1.1	5	-	Erosion of natural deposits, leaching from plumbing materials
Chloride (ppm)	1/28/08	260	250	-	Runoff from road de-icing, use of inorganic fertilizers, landfill leachates, septic tank effluents, animal feeds, industrial effluents, irrigation drainage, and seawater intrusion in coastal areas.
Manganese (ppm)	1/28/08	0.054	0.05	-	Erosion of natural deposits

### SOME TERMS DEFINED

**Action Level:** *The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers a treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.*

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

**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's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.*

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** *These standards are developed to protect the aesthetic qualities of drinking water and are not health based.*

**Massachusetts Office of Research and Standards Guideline (ORSG):** *This is the concentration of a chemical in drinking water, at or below which, adverse, non-cancer health effects are likely to occur after chronic (lifetime) exposure. If exceeded, it serves as an indicator of the potential need for further action.*

**Total Coliform:** *A bacteria that indicates other potentially harmful bacteria may be present.*

**90<sup>th</sup> Percentile:** *Out of every 10 homes, 9 were at or below this level.*

### SHOULD SOME PEOPLE TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

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 / 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).

## ***SWAP (Source Water Assessment and Protection)***

The DEP has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for Leland Farms. The report assesses the susceptibility of public water supplies to contamination and makes recommendations. This report is available from WhiteWater, Inc. located at 253B Worcester Road, Charlton, MA, 01507 and also at the DEP website: <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking/sourcewa.htm#reports>.

A susceptibility ranking of **moderate** was assigned to all wells in our system by the DEP and meets all US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MA DEP drinking water quality standards.

Be assured that the Leland Farms in concert with its certified operator, WhiteWater, Inc., is addressing the concerns as stated in the SWAP Report and welcomes your input to our planning. If you have any questions, please contact WhiteWater, Inc., at

### ***Opportunities to Participate***

Any matters that concern your drinking water supply or issues you would like to see addressed can be presented at the regularly scheduled meeting of the trustees, association or board. If your concerns need immediate attention feel free to contact our current Certified Operator, WhiteWater, Inc. at 1-888-377-7678.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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 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.

Where to go for more information ...

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 617-292-5885.  
[www.state.ma.us/dep](http://www.state.ma.us/dep)

Massachusetts drinking water education partnership  
[www.madwep.org](http://www.madwep.org)



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