

DOES EAST GRAND FORKS WATER MEET QUALITY STANDARDS?



In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits of contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. 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 EPA's safe Drinking Water hotline (800-426-4791).



The City of East Grand Forks Water and Light is required to publish the results of monitoring done on its drinking water from January 1 to December 31 each year. The most recent results from the year 2014 show no contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The complete Consumer Confidence Report is available on our website.



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. The City of East Grand Forks Water and Light produces drinking water in the PH range of 8.8 - 9.2 and also uses polyphosphate to help minimize the amount of lead present at the tap. East Grand Forks is required to sample 20 residential locations to determine lead concentration every three years and EPA requires that 90% of the samples have a lead concentration level less than 15 parts per billion. The last time East Grand Forks sampled for lead was in 2013, the results showed the 90% level concentration for lead at 1.1 parts per billion, with two locations at a level of 2 parts per billion.