The City of Lynden is pleased to provide you with our Annual Consumer Confidence Water Quality Report for 2011. Our water system is a surface water system served by the Nooksack River. Our intake is located where the Hannegan Road bridge crosses the Nooksack River. Lynden’s treatment plant uses coagulation, sedimentation, and filtration techniques to remove suspended particles that may contaminate the water. Chlorine is added as a disinfectant to make sure the water is free of harmful microorganisms and fluoride is added for enhanced dental protection.

Lynden is currently designing a new Water Treatment Plant to replace the existing plant built in 1926. The construction of the new plant is expected to begin in the Summer of 2013 and be completed before 2016. The new plant will improve treatment capacity, effectiveness, and reliability by expanding on these proven treatment technologies. It will ensure that Lynden residents continue to enjoy safe and high quality potable water for many years to come.

In 2008 the City established water conservations goals which are reported annually to the State. These goals were met for 2011.

THE CITY OF LYNDEN REMINDS YOU TO USE WATER WISELY.

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<tr>
<th>Total Water Produced</th>
<th>Authorized Consumption</th>
<th>Distribution System Leakage</th>
<th>Goal Met (Distribution Leakage Standards)</th>
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<td>604 MG</td>
<td>576 MG</td>
<td>4.8 %</td>
<td>&lt; 10 %</td>
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Numbers reflect calendar year 2011

Inquiries about public participation and policy decisions related to your drinking water may be directed to the Public Works Department at 360-354-3446. Public Works policy decisions are discussed at the Lynden City Council Public Works Committee meetings that are held on the Wednesday after the first and third Monday of the month at 4:30 PM at City Hall.

For more information regarding this report, please contact:
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Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
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Lynden, WA 98264
p: 360-354-0633
e-mail: adamst@lyndenwa.org
WATER QUALITY RESULTS FOR 2011

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<th>Substance (units)</th>
<th>Goal (MCLG)*</th>
<th>EPA’s Allowable Limits (MCL)*</th>
<th>Average Level Detected</th>
<th>Range Detected or Overall Results</th>
<th>Source of Substance</th>
<th>In Compliance?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fluoride (ppm)*</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>0.7 running average</td>
<td>0.0 - 1.2</td>
<td>Water additive which promotes strong teeth.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Turbidity (NTU)</td>
<td>0.3</td>
<td>1.0 TT</td>
<td>.02</td>
<td>02-09</td>
<td>Soil run-off</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Organic Carbon (ppm)*</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>0.6</td>
<td>0.2 - 0.9</td>
<td>Naturally present in the environment</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Chlorine (ppm)*</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>1.3 Action Level*</td>
<td>0.04</td>
<td>In 2011, zero sites exceeded Action Level*</td>
<td>Water additive used to control microbes.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Copper (ppm)*</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>15 Action Level*</td>
<td>.08</td>
<td>In 2011, zero sites exceeded Action Level*</td>
<td>Corrosion of household plumbing systems.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Lead (ppb)*</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>7 - 41</td>
<td>By-product of drinking water disinfection.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Total Coliform (positive samples/month)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>More than 1 positive sample per month</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Naturally present in the environment</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)*</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>11 - 41</td>
<td>By-product of drinking water disinfection.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Nitrate-N (ppm)*</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>.03</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Runoff from fertilizer use</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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RAW WATER (BEFORE TREATMENT)

| Total Organic Carbon (ppm)* | Not applicable | Not applicable | 1.4 | 0.4 - 2.5 | Naturally present in the environment | Yes |

**UNIT DESCRIPTIONS:** ppm (Parts per Million), ppb (Parts per Billion), mg/L (Milligrams per Liter)

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

**MCL** Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest 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.

**MRLD** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**MRLD** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants (e.g., chlorine, chloramines, chlorine dioxide).

**T** Treatment Techniques: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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

**NTU** Turbidity: Turbidity is a measure of the water's cloudiness. It is monitored because it provides a good indicator of the filtration system's effectiveness. Turbidity is measured in NTU's nephelometric turbidity units.

**ND** Not detected

**EPA** Environmental Protection Agency

**CDC** Center for Disease Control & Prevention

**WHY PROVIDE A Water Quality Report?**

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. 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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which 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 which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

**REGULATED AT THE TREATMENT PLANT**

**REGULATED AT THE CONSUMER TAP**

**RAW WATER (BEFORE TREATMENT)**

**MESSAGE FROM THE Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

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 (1-800-426-4791).

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 (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. We are 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 drinking 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 at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

For more information on tap water quality, please visit www.drinktap.org.