heads this Summer

Landscape is a unique system that provides one of the greatest risks of cross contamination. The city’s drinking water system is designed to protect against such contamination. To further protect our drinking water system, we have added two features to the system that will help prevent contamination.

- We have added a backup system for the downtown wells.
- We have added a new filtration system for the downtown wells.

To ensure that our drinking water system stays safe, homeowners must have their backflow preventer devices annually inspected and tested by a state certified backflow preventer assembly in order to continue to receive water service from the city.

Contact Pat Pulitz, Renton’s cross-connection control specialist at 425-430-7287 or visit rentonwa.gov if you have any questions or need a list of certified testers.

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Who Do I Call?

Questions about this report

call Water Utility Engineering 425-430-7807

To report water pressure problems, water leaks, water disconnection, leak or odor

call Water Quality at 425-430-7400 (7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Or call 425-532-7062 after hours or weekends

In case of emergencies call 911

Where Does Renton’s Water Come From?

In 2008, Renton obtained its drinking water from three sources: five downtown wells, located in Liberty and Cedar River Parks; which draw water from the Cedar Valley Aquifer; Springbrook Springs, a small spring located in south Renton; and the Maplewood Golf Course, which provides high quality water at an acceptable cost.

In 2008 the downtown wells supplied 72% of the city’s water; Springbrook Springs produced 20%, and the Maplewood wells contributed 8%. The Maplewood wells were backup wells and started production in August 2008.

The water pumped from the downtown wells and Springbrook Springs sources is very clear and needs minimal treatment. Chlorine is added to destroy bacteria and viruses in case they are present. Chlorine further protects water on its way to consumers.

Because our water is naturally soft, sodium hydroxide is added as a softening agent in the process of filtration. Fluoride is also added to maintain tooth enamel. The treatment process consists of the removal of manganese, hydrogen sulfide, and arsenic from the raw water. Chlorine is added to prevent tooth decay.

To report water quality problems, complaints of water discoloration, taste or odor

call Water Utility Engineering at 425-430-4982

About This Report

This report explains that Renton’s water met or exceeded State and Federal standards for drinking water quality throughout 2008. The nation’s Safe Drinking Water Act requires water utilities to provide annual “consumer confidence” reports to their customers. In this report, you will learn where our drinking water comes from, what substances it contains, how it compares to water quality standards, and what Renton is doing to protect our water supply. We hope the report will help you better understand our drinking water. We also hope the report will help you understand where your drinking water comes from and what makes it safe to drink.
Let Us Help You Save Water! 

The average kitchen faucet flows at a rate of 2.2 gallons per minute (gpm). With a flow aerator the flow can be reduced to 1.5 gpm—while increasing the power of the water stream. In practical terms, this means you’ll spend less time doing dishes while using 38% less water. Meanwhile, you’ll be washing with hot water, but you save energy too. The aerator adds no cost to the water bill. 

Let your lawn go dormant during the summer—dormant grass only needs to be watered once or twice a month. 

Be sure to check the City of Renton’s website for more helpful tips. 

Let’s Save Water and Save Energy! Rebates range from $50, $75 and $100 for the purchase of qualified WaterSense labeled products. See your local retailer or visit rentonwa.gov/WaterSense for a complete list of WaterSense labeled products.

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