



# Drinking Water: MassDEP's work with local Boards of Health

The Drinking Water Program considers Boards of Health to be frontline partners in protecting public drinking water. MassDEP Drinking Water Program staff communicates with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, which oversees Boards of Health, on a regular basis.

## Annual Update to Boards of Health (BOH)

The MassDEP Drinking Water Program (DWP) provides an annual update to local Boards of Health, highlighting key topics related to their role in protecting public drinking water. The Drinking Water Program provides the local Boards of Health with specific information about public water supplies in their municipalities, which may include businesses, and an inventory of all public water systems in the Commonwealth. MassDEP also asks Boards of Health to update their contact information annually so that the DPW can communicate with and provide assistance to Boards of Health quickly, especially during local emergencies. The Drinking Water Program generally provides an update to the local Boards of Health each spring.

The most recent Board of Health update is on MassDEP's web site at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/health-and-safety.html>.

### **Drinking water topics included in an annual update:**

- Recreational Camp Requirements;
- Identifying Daycares that Meet the Definition of a Public Water System;
- Condominium Developments and Public Water Systems;
- Boil Water Orders;
- Control of Legionella in Healthcare Facilities,
- Chlorine Dioxide Secondary Treatment at Hospitals;
- Cyanobacteria in Water Supplies;
- Water Supply Safety Issues at Local Fairs;
- Manganese in Drinking Water;

- Protecting Drinking Water from Animals Wastes and Stormwater;
- Recommended Guidance for Private Wells,
- Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Daycares;
- Inventory of Title 5 Systems; and
- Drinking Water Vending Machines.

## Additional Information

Visit the MassDEP drinking water web site:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/>

Or use this friendly link to find out who to call in your town:

<http://mass.gov/dep/muni-call>