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# City Newsletter: April 2021

## Your Water Explained

Hickman residents have reported discolored water from the taps at their homes. Discolored water complaints have decreased significantly since the construction of Hickman's Water Treatment Plant in 2011, which removes iron and manganese from the wells that provide water to the community. Iron and manganese are naturally occurring minerals that can discolor the water but are not a health risk to the public at low doses. The treatment plant also adds chlorine to kill bacteria, viruses, and other microbes to improve water quality before conveying into the water system.

Despite the treatment plant being in place, it is normal for discolored water to make its way into the water system periodically. This is due to sediment that naturally accumulates in water mains, or reactions between the water and older pipes, valves, or other materials within the distribution system. The issues are more prevalent during periods of high water demand, such as a main break, firefighting, or bulk water filling from a hydrant. The City Water Department periodically flushes water mains to force this sediment out through hydrants, both on a routine basis, and in response to reports from customers. The City routinely collects samples throughout the water system and tests for water quality to ensure that water quality meets EPA standards (Please see the enclosed Annual Water Quality Report).

If you see discolored water, please call the City Office at 402.792.2212 and the City's mains will be flushed. In most cases, running cold water for three to five minutes should flush the discolored water through the service line. If this does not result in clear water coming from the tap, repeat after 30 minutes. If the problem continues, please contact the City offices at 402.792.2212.

While there is anticipated to be no health risk associated with small doses of iron and manganese, users that notice discolored water should refrain from using their washing machine until discolored water is no longer observed coming into the house, as it can stain lightly colored clothing. As indicated previously, the discolored water should be able to be flushed from the service line fairly quickly, so it is not anticipated that users will be unable to launder their clothes for long periods of time.

Owen Killham, PE, Olsson  
Mayor Doug Hanson

**Tree Rebate Program:** The Hickman Tree Rebate Program is in place to encourage the planting of more trees in front yards. Contact the City Office before you purchase and plant the tree. Rebate is 75% off the purchase price, up to \$50.00.  
**Phone: 402.792.2212**

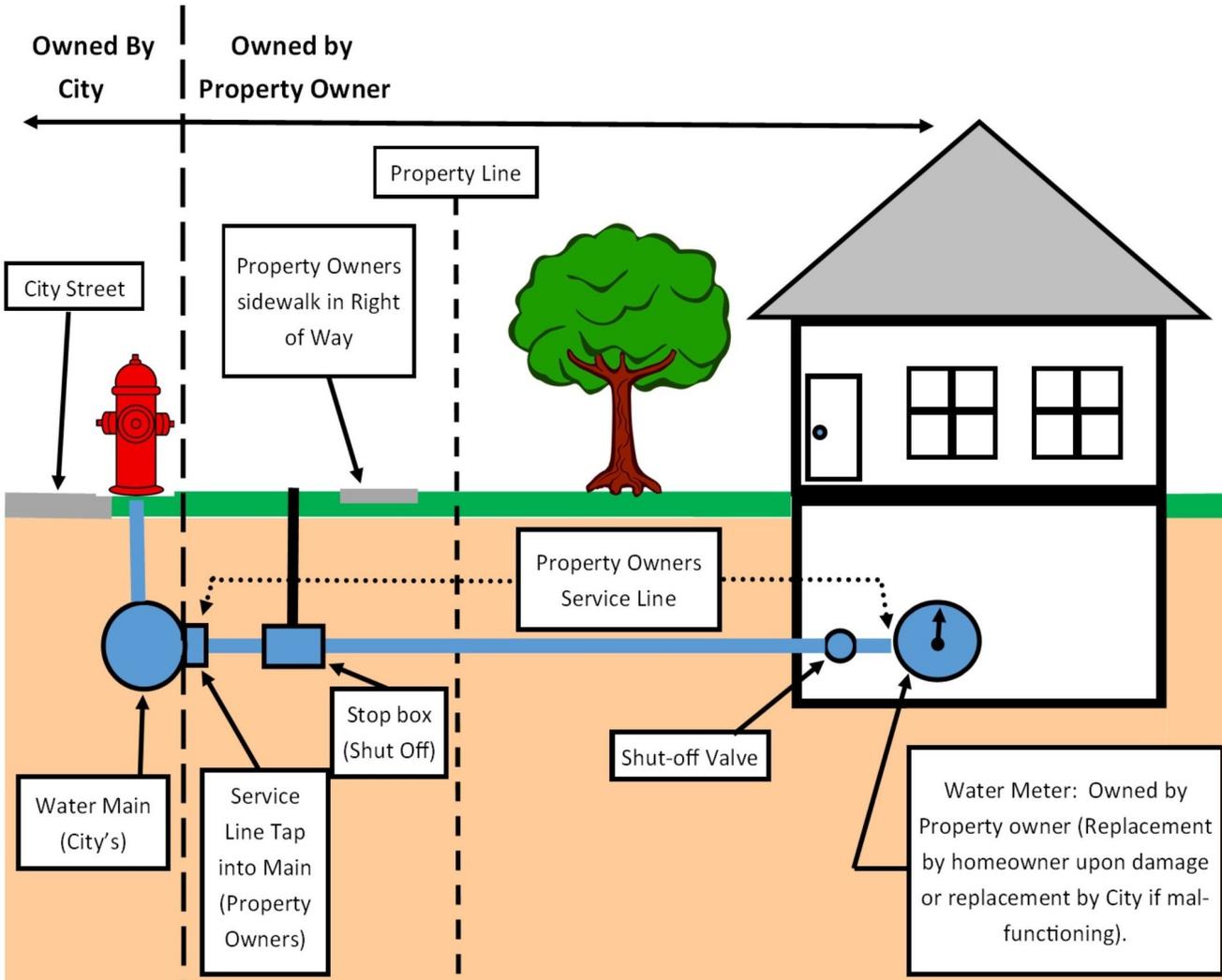


## Donate for Fireworks

Hickman Area Economic Development Association (HAEDA) is accepting contributions for the fireworks display on July 4th. Checks can be made payable to HAEDA and are requested to be mailed to the Hickman City Office before June 16th.



**Water Line Ownership:** Property owners are responsible for the water service line that runs through the private property and connects to the City's main line (see graphic below). Per the City of Hickman's Municipal Code, Chapter 7, Article 2, the water main lines, public fire hydrants and main valves are owned and maintained by the City. The City's water lines are primarily along the public streets and alleys. Privately owned components of the water system begin at and include the service line tap and all infrastructure beyond the City's water main. The Water Meter is also owned by the property owner and if damaged is the responsibility of the property owner. The City's Water Department will replace the meter at no additional charge if it is malfunctioning or there is a system-wide upgrade.



**Annual Dog License Reminder**

Dog Licenses for the City of Hickman expired on March 31, 2021. Please purchase your dog license at the City Office by submitting the licensing form and current rabies vaccine certificate. Every dog over 6 months old within the city limits is required to be licensed and have proof of a current rabies vaccination on file with the City (Municipal Code 3-204). 2021 Dog License forms are available on the City's website at [www.hickman.ne.gov](http://www.hickman.ne.gov) and at the City Office. Licensing fee is \$10 per dog for the first two dogs.



**SAVE the DATE**  
Hickman Area Community Foundation Fund

3rd Annual  
Golf Fundraiser  
Hidden Valley Golf Course

**Friday, July 16**



## City Of Hickman

### Annual Water Quality Report For January 1 to December 31, 2020

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the City Of Hickman water system to provide safe drinking water.

**Para Clientes Que Hablan Español:** Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

For more information regarding this report, or to request a hard copy, contact:

**BOBBY LOVORN**  
402-432-1513

If you would like to observe the decision-making processes that affect drinking water quality, please attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board/City Council. If you would like to participate in the process, please contact the Village/City Clerk to arrange to be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Village Board/City Council.

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).

#### Source Water Assessment Availability:

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) has completed the Source Water Assessment. Included in the assessment are a Wellhead Protection Area map, potential contaminant source inventory, and source water protection information. To view the Source Water Assessment or for more information please contact the person named above on this report or the NDEQ at (402) 471-3376 or go to <http://deq.ne.gov>.

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. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

#### Sources of Drinking Water:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater 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.

The source of water used by City Of Hickman is ground water.

#### 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, and can also come from gas stations, 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.

#### Drinking Water Health Notes:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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) or the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water at 402-471-2186.

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. All Community water systems 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 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 (800-426-4791), at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead> or at the DHHS/DPH/Office of Drinking Water (402-471-1008).

The City Of Hickman is required to test for the following contaminants: Coliform Bacteria, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Fluoride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Sodium, Thallium, Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene, Carbofuran, Chlordane, Dalapon, Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate, Dibromochloropropane, Dinoseb, Di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate, Diquat, 2,4-D, Endothal, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide, Glyphosate, Heptachlor, Heptachlor epoxide, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl (Vydate),

Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Polychlorinated biphenyls, Simazine, Toxaphene, Dioxin, Silvex, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, o-Dichlorobenzene, Para-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Ethylbenzene, Monochlorobenzene, 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Vinyl Chloride, Styrene, Tetrachloroethylene, Toluene, Xylenes (total), Gross Alpha (minus Uranium & Radium 226), Radium 226 plus Radium 228, Sulfate, Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Chlorodibromomethane, Bromoform, Chlorobenzene, m-Dichlorobenzene, 1,1-Dichloropropane, 1,1-Dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Chloromethane, Bromomethane, 1,2,3-Trichloropropane, 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane, Chloroethane, 2,2-Dichloropropane, o-Chlorotoluene, p-Chlorotoluene, Bromobenzene, 1,3-Dichloropropane, Aldrin, Butachlor, Carbaryl, Dicamba, Dieldrin, 3-Hydroxycarbofuran, Methomyl, Metolachlor, Metribuzin, Propachlor.

#### How to Read the Water Quality Data Table:

The EPA and State Drinking Water Program establish the safe drinking water regulations that limit the amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. The table shows the concentrations of detected substances in comparison to the regulatory limits. Substances not detected are not included in the table. The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be older than one year. **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. **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. **AL (Action Level)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. **N/A** – Not applicable.

#### Units in the Table:

**ND** – Not detectable.

**ppm (parts per million)** – One ppm corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 million gallons of water.

**mg/L (milligrams per liter)** – Equivalent to ppm.

**ppb (parts per billion)** – One ppb corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 billion gallons of water.

**ug/L (micrograms per liter)** – Equivalent to ppb.

**pCi/L (Picocuries per liter)** – Radioactivity concentration unit.

**RAA (Running Annual Average)** – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters.

**LRAA (Locational Running Annual Average)** – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters at each sampling location.

**90<sup>th</sup> Percentile** – Represents the highest value found out of 90% of the samples taken in a representative group. If the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is greater than the action level, it will trigger a treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**TT (Treatment Technique)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Microbiological	Highest No. of Positive Samples	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source Of Contamination	Violations Present
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2020					

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Likely Source Of Contamination
COPPER, FREE	2017 - 2019	0.1914	0.00599 - 0.273	ppm	1.3	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.
LEAD	2017 - 2019	5.96	0 - 11.2	ppb	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source Of Contamination
ARSENIC	9/21/2020	1.96	1.96	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
BARIUM	10/6/2020	0.145	0.145	ppm	2	2	Discharge from drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
FLUORIDE	10/6/2020	0.267	0.267	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge.

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Highest RAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source Of Contamination
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020	0.513	0.513	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
TTHM	7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020	4.59	4.59	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source Of Contamination
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	10/31/2016	1.3	1.3	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM-228	10/31/2016	1.3	1.3	pCi/L		0	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Water Quality Data	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	Secondary MCL
SULFATE	10/26/2020	73.4	73.4	mg/L	250

During the 2020 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Violation Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2020			

**The City Of Hickman has taken the following actions to return to compliance with the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act:**

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.



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Locust St Flats is a new office experience located in the heart of downtown Hickman. Our facility blends all the perks of a co-working space with the privacy of your own office. Locust St Flats is perfect for one person or a small team.



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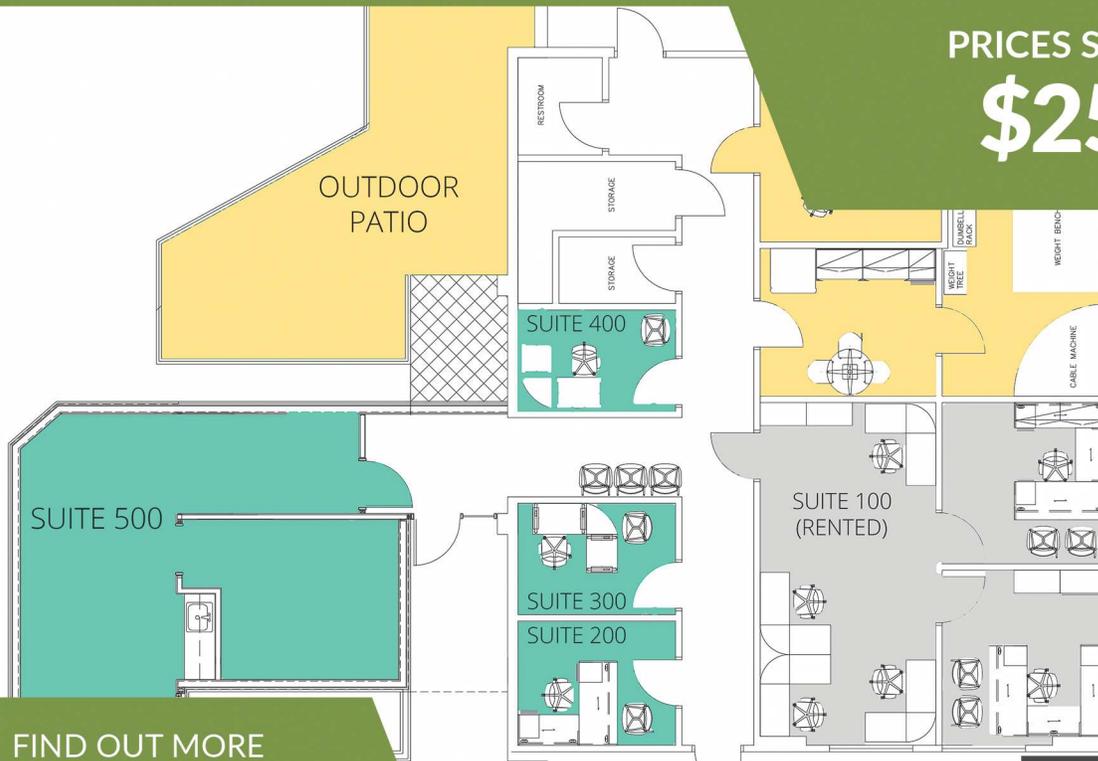
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Working from home or making the trip to Lincoln? The Flats were designed for you! Come get the benefits of a co-working community while still having your own space. No kids in the background, no dogs barking and no more being banished to the closet to take client calls.



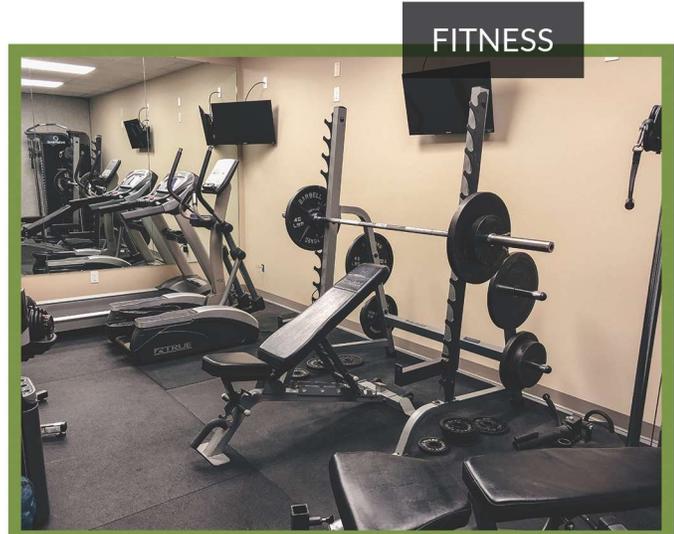
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## About the Property

We designed The Flats to blend the comforts of having your own office with the benefits of renting a desk at a co-working space...oh and added a gym! Join us in the first of its kind facility in downtown Hickman.

## Property Features

- ✔ Free Parking
- ✔ Steps from Walking Trail
- ✔ On-Site Fitness Facility
- ✔ PO Box Address
- ✔ Key Card Entry
- ✔ 24/7 Access
- ✔ Security Camera
- ✔ Signage Opportunity



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