

# ANNUAL WATER PRIMACY FEE



From the Missouri  
Department of  
Natural Resources

The benefits of the primacy fee to public water systems:

- Laboratory testing services provided by the state;
- Reduced monitoring commensurate to contamination risk, based on vulnerability assessments provided by the Department of Natural Resources;
- Water system inspections and compliance oversight provided by the department to satisfy federal requirements;
- Technical assistance from the department to help maintain and achieve compliance and improved customer satisfaction;
- Access to low interest loans for capital improvements from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund;
- Additional operating training opportunities funded by the state revolving fund.

*Copies of the full information sheet about the water primacy fee from MO DNR are available upon request at city hall.*

## What is the drinking water primacy fee, and how is it used?

Every year the City of Willard collects an annual fee called the “primacy fee”. This fee is set by state law, and paid by customers of Missouri’s public water supply systems.

The fee is forwarded to the Missouri Department of Revenue for use by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources’ Public Drinking Water Branch.

*“The department uses the primacy fee to fund testing for drinking water contaminations, inspections, compliance activities, complain investigations and technical assistance. Approximately \$3.9 million per year is generated by the fee.”*

-From “Public Drinking Water Branch fact sheet 10/2007”

The primacy fee amount is set by the number of service connections to individual public water supply systems. Because the Willard water system has approximately 3,000 connections, the fee amount set by the state for residential customers is **\$3.00**.

### If you have questions about this fee, call or write:

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