

# Drinking Water Quality Report



**The Charter Township of Redford - Water & Sewer Department**  
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## Dear Water Customer,

Redford Township's Water Department is proud of the drinking water it provides to its consumers. In 2009 we provided over 1.3 billion gallons of water to our water consumers.

So that we comply with Federal requirements, we are providing you with our annual report regarding the quality of our drinking water. This report must be delivered to you by July 1st of each year.

In our report we show the source of our water, as well the 2009 testing results. It also includes important information about water as it relates to your health, useful tips for saving money on your water bills and suggestions on how you, as one of our 21,500+ water customers, can help us control our water rates by using water wisely during our peak use days in the summer months.

After viewing this report, you will see that Redford Township's water meets or exceeds all established water quality standards. If at any time there is any concern about our water supply, our Water Department will immediately notify our water consumers.

As in previous years, Redford Township's Water Department continues to investigate and maintain the integrity of our water transmission system and will continue to implement methods of efficiency. We are committed to continuing to provide water that meets and exceeds Federal and State mandates, while also keeping prices for water as affordable as possible.

Additional copies of this report are available at Townhall, 15145 Beech Daly or at the Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly. This report can also be viewed on the Township's website at [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com).

## Where does Redford Township's drinking water come from?

Redford Township's Water Department is supplied water by the City of Detroit from the Springwells Water Treatment Plant it owns in Dearborn. The water comes from an intake near Belle Isle by the convergence of the mouth of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair.



## Detroit River Intakes Source Water Assessment

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan.

If you would like to know more about this report or need a complete copy of this report please contact your Water Department (313) 387-2670 or you can visit the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department's website at [www.dwsd.org](http://www.dwsd.org).

## How can the public participate?

We encourage public interest and participation in our community's decisions affecting our drinking water. The Redford Township Board of Trustees also serves as your Water Commission.

Our regular Township Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, unless cancelled for a holiday or other special reason, at Townhall, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, Michigan. The public is always welcome to attend and participate. Feel free to call the Redford Township Clerk's office at (313) 387-2750 if more specific meeting times and dates are needed.

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**An Explanation of the Water Quality Data Table:** The tables show the results of our water quality analyses. Every regulated contaminant that we detected in the water, even the minutest trace, is listed here. The table contains the name of each substance, the highest level allowed by regulation (MCL), the ideal goals for public health, the amount detected, the usual sources of such contamination, footnotes explaining our findings and a key to units of measurement. Definitions of MCL and MCLG are important.

**Variances and Exemptions:** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions. The data presented in this report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations. No variances requested.

**Explanation of Violations:** (NO VIOLATIONS) Although we ran many tests, only the listed substances were found. They are all below the MCL required. The Detroit Water & Sewerage Department provides Redford Township with its water.

**Cryptosporidium Monitoring:** *Cryptosporidium* is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes *Cryptosporidium*, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. *Cryptosporidium* was detected once, during a twelve-month period at our Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of *Cryptosporidium* may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. *Cryptosporidium* must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

**National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance:** This report was prepared by the Redford Township Water & Sewer Department using data supplied by our water provider, the City of Detroit Water & Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. This report has been provided to you to ensure compliance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399, as amended) by 1998 PA 56. This Act was passed to ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the rules promulgated by the United States EPA dealing with this law. Some of the specific language within this report is required and, as such, cannot be altered. If we can be of any assistance in explaining anything within this report, please feel free to call us at (313) 387-2670. We hope you find this report useful. Look for future reports to come by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### Key to Detected Contaminants Tables

In the following tables you will find many terms and abbreviations that might be unfamiliar to you. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions.

Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
<b>MCLG</b>	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
<b>MCL</b>	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.
<b>MRDLG</b>	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
<b>MRDL</b>	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.
<b>ppb</b>	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
<b>ppm</b>	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
<b>NTU</b>	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
<b>ND</b>	Not Detected	
<b>TT</b>	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
<b>AL</b>	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
<b>HAA5</b>	Haloacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
<b>TTHM</b>	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
<b>n/a</b>	Not applicable	
<b>&gt;</b>	Greater than	

## Springwells Water Treatment Plant 2009 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>Inorganic Chemicals – Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	8/31/2009	ppm	4	4	0.91	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	8/31/2009	ppm	10	10	0.55	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	6/9/2008	ppb	50	50	1	n/a	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.

<b>Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System</b>								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2009	ppb	n/a	80	21.6	8.9-46.5	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2009	ppb	n/a	60	13.2	5.9-20.2	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan-Dec 2009	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.70	0.64-0.76	No	Water additive used to control microbes

<b>2009 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.28 NTU	100 %	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

<b>2009 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System</b>					
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0	No	Naturally present in the environment.
<i>E. coli</i> or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or <i>E. coli</i> positive.	0	No	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

<b>Redford Township's 2008 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap</b>								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2008	ppb	0	15	2.28 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2008	ppb	1300	1300	101 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.				Erosion of natural deposits

### 2009 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.62	Erosion of natural deposits

## Health & Safety Information

*The following information is mandatory language provided by the Environmental Protection Agency regarding contaminants reasonably expected to be found in drinking water*

**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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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 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 organics, 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.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

### Warning about the vulnerability of some populations to contaminants in drinking water



Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is 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 (800) 426-4791.

### Health Information About Lead

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. Redford is 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Monitoring & Reporting Requirements

The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2009. We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year as they happen. Additional copies of this report are available at Townhall at 15145 Beech Daly and at the Department of Public Services Building at 12200 Beech Daly. You will also find this report on our website at [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com).

For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact the Redford Township Water & Sewer Department at (313) 387-2670 or contact us online at the Township website listed above. Additional information about safe drinking water can be found by visiting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater).

### Important Notice About Sewer Backup

In compliance with Public Act 222, be advised of the following. Any resident experiencing an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system should immediately upon discovery, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have discovered, contact the Water & Sewer Department at (313) 387-2670. If it is after normal business hours, you should contact the Redford Township Police Department at (313) 387-2553 and they will contact the Water & Sewer Department foreman.

You should also file a written claim with the Redford Township Water & Sewer Department, 12200 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239, within 45 days of discovery of the overflow or backup. Failure to provide the required notice will limit your rights under the law. A claim form is available by calling the Water & Sewer Department at (313) 387-2670. **PLEASE NOTE: In order for a claim to be viable, the source of the problem must be the Municipal sewer. Problems caused by your property's plumbing or in your sewer lead are your responsibility.**

## Storm Water Information

Did you know that more than one-third of the pollution in the Rouge River and its tributaries comes from storm water runoff? As rainwater flows over land it picks up a variety of pollutants, including eroded soil, trash, fertilizers and pesticides. Automobile fluids, including motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline and brake fluid, contain trace metals and poisons that often leak from vehicles onto streets and parking lots. These pollutants may make their way into storm sewers and ultimately into our Rouge River.

Redford Township is entirely located within the Rouge River Watershed, and all creeks and streams within the community flow into the Rouge River. Redford Township is committed to protecting water quality and is working with other communities in the Watershed to develop proactive methods of controlling water pollution.



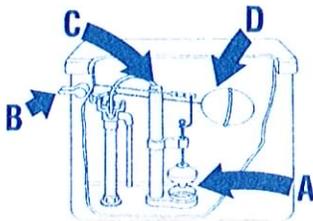
The Rouge River Watershed, in which Redford Township is located, was once considered one of the most polluted rivers in the Nation. However, great strides have been made in cleaning up the Rouge at a cost of many millions of dollars. Despite advances in technology, environmental clean-up costs continue to increase every year. Redford Township has already spent well over \$20 million with many more millions to be spent.

Preventing pollution is much easier and less costly to implement than trying to correct environmental damage after it has occurred. However, much can still be done with a little preventative care on everyone's part. Educational materials are available to residents and business owners on the Township's website at [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com) or in the lobbies of Townhall, the Public Services Building and the Community Center relating to Using Pesticides & Controlling Garden Pests; Pet Care & Animal Waste Disposal; Natural Mulches & Compost; Landscaping Near the Water's Edge; Using Fertilizers & Maintaining Healthy Lawns, Shrubs & Trees; Maintaining Septic Systems; Our Actions Affect the Rouge River; and Catch Basin Care. Additional information is also available from the Friends of the Rouge at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) or by calling them at (313) 792-9900.

### Helpful Tips for Saving Money on Your Water Bill

Dripping faucets cost money – don't waste it!		A continuous leak from a hole the size below, at 60 psi water pressure, over a 3 month period results in the waste listed:																
<p>A dripping faucet or fixture can waste 3 gallons of water a day or a total of 1095 gallons a year. The chart at the right shows how much water can be wasted depending on the size of the leak. Currently Redford's water is billed to its consumers at a total fee of \$5.57 per unit, which includes water, sewer, CSO fees, etc. (1 unit = 748 gallons) In addition, if you lower your water consumption you will also be lowering the sewer charge on your water bill. (Note: Redford's water rate changes on July 1<sup>st</sup> of every year.)</p>		<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">•</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1/32"</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">64,000 gallons</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">9,850 cubic feet</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">●</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1/16"</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">296,000 gallons</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">39,400 cubic feet</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">●</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1/8"</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">666,000 gallons</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">89,031 cubic feet</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">●</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1/4"</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">1,181,500 gallons</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">158,000 cubic feet</td> </tr> </table>	•	1/32"	64,000 gallons	9,850 cubic feet	●	1/16"	296,000 gallons	39,400 cubic feet	●	1/8"	666,000 gallons	89,031 cubic feet	●	1/4"	1,181,500 gallons	158,000 cubic feet
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### Toilet leaks, undetectable to the naked eye or the human ear, can add \$25 or more to your monthly bill.



This type of leak tends to get larger and cost you more the longer you wait. You can test your toilet by simply removing the cover to your tank and adding a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the water. Do not flush the tank. Leave the dye in the tank for several hours (overnight if possible). If the dye appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak! In most cases, the leak is caused by the flapper in the tank not sealing properly (A).

Other causes of the leak may be the flushing handle is stuck or the flushing arm and lift chain in the tank are not working properly (B); the water level in the tank is too high and spills into the overflow tube (C); or the float rod, ballcock and/or float ball are corroded (D). Replacement parts are available at local hardware and plumbing supply stores or consult a local plumbing professional. Remember to also check your basement toilet. Many times it is the basement toilet (which is not used often) that causes the problem.

### Outdoor water usage, when done wisely will help control water rates for everyone in our Community.

The amount of money Redford Township has to pay for water from the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department is partially based on how much water is used during our peak hours. Any increase in our cost is then passed on to our consumers. Peak demand during the spring and summer is usually 5 am to 9 am and again from 5 pm into the evening. By watering your lawn, garden and flowers at times when there is less demand (between 9 am and 5 pm) you will help keep our rates down. Remember to check hoses and outdoor faucets for leaks. Even a small leak in a garden hose may waste as much as 700 gallons per day.



## Postal Patron Redford Township MI

**Attention:** This is our annual report to residents and businesses on the quality & safety of Redford Township's water.

### Water & Sewer Department Frequently Asked Questions

**My drinking water often looks cloudy when first taken from a faucet and then it clears up. Why is that?** Cloudy water is caused by tiny air bubbles in the water similar to the gas bubbles in beer and carbonated soft drinks. If you let it sit for a while, the bubbles will rise to the top and dissipate. Cloudy water occurs most often in the fall and winter months when the water is colder.

**What causes water to sometimes appear discolored or rusty?** In some cases, rusty or dirty water may come from the distribution system as a result of a water main break or fire hydrant use. It may take several hours for stirred up sediments to settle. In the event of a main break or disturbance, it is best to wait until the problem is fixed before running your water. Then you should periodically run a cold water faucet for 3-5 minutes at the lowest point in your house (usually the basement) until the water runs clear. If it is still rusty or dirty, wait 1-2 hours and then try again. Do not run your hot water, as this will draw the discolored water into your hot water tank and may discolor clothing if you are using your washer. Another cause of discolored water could be from rusting in galvanized pipes in home plumbing systems. Also, remember that every year, during the months of September thru November, Redford Township conducts its hydrant flushing program. This may cause rusty or dirty water for those in the areas being flushed.

**Why do I have a sewer odor in my basement?** Water that normally remains in your plumbing fixture traps or basement floor drains may have evaporated and sewer gases are entering your home. To remedy this situation, pour half a bucket of water down the floor and sink drains. Also remember to fill any shower drains in seldom used bathrooms.

**Why is the sewage charge on my bill higher than the previous bill?** The charge for sewage disposal is based on the number of units of water you are billed for. This amount will vary on each bill if your water usage also varies. If you lower your water consumption, you will also lower your sewage disposal charge. During summer months, when your water usage is higher, you will especially see higher charges for sewage disposal.

**Whose sewer is it?** The Water & Sewer Department cleans and maintains main line sanitary sewers that are generally located within the public right-of-ways. The sanitary sewer lateral line that runs from your home or building to the Township's main line is installed and maintained in its entirety by the property owner per Township ordinance.

**Who do I call to clean my sanitary sewer lead?** We recommend that you call three drain cleaner specialists to compare prices. Ask a friend if they know someone or look in the phone book. Redford Township cannot endorse any drain cleaning company. When you call, ask each of them what the minimum cost will be? How many feet of sewer cleaning this includes? How much for each additional foot? Do they offer a warranty? If so, how long and what does it include? If one bid is extremely low, you may want to ask for references (Better Business Bureau or previous customers of the company). Once they have opened up the drain, ask them to clean it with the largest cleaning tool they can safely use.

### Ways You Can Conserve Water

- Don't leave the water running while brushing teeth or shaving
- Limit showers to five minutes & install flow restrictors in showerheads & faucets
- Replace 5-gallon per flush toilets with newer low-flow toilets
- Only run the washing machine & dishwasher when you have full loads
- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than running the tap until the water gets cold
- Instead of using a garbage disposal, compost organic waste
- Repair leaky faucets, toilets, outdoor spigots, hoses, automatic sprinkler system heads/lines and set sprinklers so they are not watering the street or sidewalk
- Leave your grass longer so it requires less watering & plant drought-resistant plants and trees

### Did You Know . . .



One case of 24 - 16.9 oz bottles @ \$4.99 per case = 3.17 gallons

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One unit of Redford's water (including sewer, CSO & meter fees) @ \$5.57 per unit = 748 gallons

### \*\*\* Important Notice From Redford's Central Maintenance Department \*\*\*

**TREE BRANCH CHIPPING SERVICE**, previously offered by the Township for a fee, has been discontinued as of May 1, 2010. As an alternative, we recommend that residents contact a local tree service company who can provide this service. If you only have a small amount, branches may be cut up and put in a yard waste bag/can or tied in small bundles and set at the road with your other yard waste. The local Redford Chamber of Commerce (313) 535-0960 or the Redford Township Business Association (313) 618-0487 may have member tree service companies that they can recommend.

**LARGE ITEM PICKUP** (furniture, carpet, TVs, etc.) by the Township now requires that you prepay a fee for this service as of May 17, 2010. The fee is a minimum \$60 for up to two items and \$15 for each additional item. We do not pick up tires, auto parts, contractor or construction materials, cement, bricks, dirt or sod. Pre-payments must be made at the Department of Public Services Building at 12200 Beech Daly (directly across from the main Post Office). Once payment is made you will be given a specific pick up date. Please do not set any item at the road until 6 pm the night before your scheduled pick up or you will be in violation of Township ordinances and may receive a ticket from the Ordinance Department. More information about these charges can be found at [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com) under the Public Services section. As an alternative, residents may wish to join with neighbors and rent a small dumpster to reduce the cost of disposing of items that cannot be thrown out with regular household garbage. Also, if items are in good condition and can be reused consider donating them or placing them on [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) or <http://geo.craigslist.org/iso/us/mi>.