

Fluoride

Status: National drinking water standard exists

Fluoride occurs naturally in surface and groundwater and is also added to drinking water by many water systems. [Read More.](#)

2015-2017:

FOUND

FOUND ABOVE LEGAL LIMIT

50

states detected

28,447

utilities detected

246 million

people served

Health concerns for fluoride

Harm to teeth

Harm to bones

Bone cancer

State and national drinking water standards and health guidelines

EPA Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

4 ppm

ppm = parts per million

States reporting fluoride in drinking water

UTILITIES WITH CONTAMINATION

State	Utilities	People Served
California	1,797	38,781,257
Texas	4,274	26,856,404
Florida	1,378	18,797,997
Illinois	1,498	10,905,362
Ohio	937	9,478,735
Georgia	1,188	9,262,431
North Carolina	1,355	7,539,992
Pennsylvania	558	7,314,401
New York	796	6,861,852
Virginia	757	6,782,929

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Filtering technologies that reduce fluoride



Reverse
Osmosis

Utilities with the highest amounts of fluoride, 2015-2017

ALL UTILITIES

LARGE UTILITIES

Utility	Location	Tests	Average level	People served
Bremen Water Department	Bremen, IN	2 of 2	13.1 ppm	4,516
Green Ridge Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association Inc.	Tijeras, NM	12 of 12	10.9 ppm	130
American Realty Mortgage Company	Maricopa, AZ	10 of 10	8.52 ppm	56
Csa 51	Desert Center, CA	1 of 1	6.90 ppm	350
City of Opdyke West	Levelland, TX	12 of 12	6.48 ppm	273
Fort Jackson Mobile Estates	Lubbock, TX	3 of 3	6.36 ppm	61
City of Wellman	Wellman, TX	12 of 12	6.16 ppm	225

Utility	Location	Tests	Average level	People served
Garden Valley Ranchettes Homeowners	Garden Valley, ID	13 of 13	5.70 ppm	78
Terrells Mobile Home Park	Lovington, TX	12 of 12	5.61 ppm	70
Southwest Garden Water	Lubbock, TX	12 of 12	5.58 ppm	375

* This water utility supplies finished drinking water to at least one other water utility. The purchasing utility is not required to test for or report Fluoride, but it likely has the contaminant in its water supply.