



Additional Water Softening and Salt Reduction Resources

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

[Why is salt a problem?](#) Information on chloride and why it is harmful to our surface and groundwater.

[The skinny on water softeners](#) An overview of water softeners, environmental concerns, and options.

Minnesota Department of Health/MPCA

[Home Water Softening Frequently asked questions](#)

University of Minnesota Water Resources Center

[University of Minnesota Water Resources Center- Water Softening](#). Includes information and fact sheets on residential and Industrial water softening

[A Review of Residential Water Softening](#). UMN Water Resources Center Fact Sheet on water softener options to reduce salt use.

Minnesota Water Quality Association.

The [local trade association](#) of water conditioning professionals, including those that sell and service water softeners.

[Water Treatment for Dummies](#): Second Edition. “Consumer -directed publication designed to answer common questions about the quality of water in your home or business.”

Other Resources

What water are you softening? Outside water should not be softened. It wastes salt, can be harmful to vegetation, and pollutes our waters. [Watch this video to determine if your outside and kitchen faucet cold water are softened?](#)

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