

Be Water Softener Smart

Water softeners use salt to remove minerals from hard water. But all the salt that goes into a unit ends up down the drain. Inefficient or improperly configured softeners waste salt which passes through the wastewater treatment plant and eventually returns to local waters.



Check your water softener:

- Use a high-efficiency softener to reduce the unit's salt use
- Replace outdated units older than 15 years or days-regenerating softeners
- Track salt use – if you're using more than a couple of bags per year, it's time to upgrade
- Set up softeners to match the water hardness at your address at madsewer.org/HardnessMap

Evaluate your water softener: madsewer.org/SoftenerScreen

Make your home eco-friendly:

- Ensure interior cold-water sources (like toilets) use hard water
- Check outdoor hoses to confirm hard water use
- Confirm there are no leaks in fixtures that use soft water
- Consider installing blending valves to soften water using less salt

Find ways to reduce salt use: madsewer.org/SaltUse

EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS

*One teaspoon of salt can permanently pollute 5 gallons of water.
Once chloride is in the water, there is no way to remove it.*

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