

Water Softener Rebate Program for Residents and Businesses

Why Participate?

Save Money, Save Salt

- Optimizing and replacing old water softeners will reduce salt use
- Less salt use means money savings for you

Protect the Environment

Chloride found in water softener salt travels through wastewater into lakes and streams and cannot be feasibly removed

- Chloride is toxic to aquatic life and affects both species diversity and populations
- Chloride harms aquatic vegetation health
- Chloride affects soil's ability to retain water and store nutrients

Protect your Drinking Water

75% of Minnesotans rely on groundwater for their drinking water

- Salt negatively affects both the taste and healthfulness of drinking water
- Chloride from salt increases corrosivity in drinking water

Check your Water Softener

If you already adjusted your softener to reflect the new water hardness of 17 grains per gallon, Worthington Public Utilities thanks you. We must reduce our chloride discharge to meet our permit limits and protect Okabena Creek. There's another step you can take, you can have your softener adjusted even more to increase salt efficiency. A water conditioning professional will come to your home or business and complete these adjustments free of charge. While there, they will also determine if your softener is an old timer-based or other inefficient softener. Rebates are available toward replacement or retrofitting these older high salt use softeners.

Residents can get a \$500 to \$700 rebate (up to \$4000 for businesses) for upgrading to a high efficiency softener that regenerates based on water use, not on a set schedule. Rebates are also available for efficiency upgrades and salt-free conditioners.

Find out more about the [Water Softener Optimization & Rebate Program](#).

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