

Home Water Quality Checklist

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Work through this before spending money on treatment. It helps you identify your provider, find your Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), and match a concern to the right next step.

- Identify your water provider (check a water bill, or your municipality/county water district)
- Find your provider's most recent annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)
- Note any contaminant near or above its Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
- If you have a private well, plan an independent lab test (public CCRs do not cover wells)
- List your specific concerns: taste, odor, hardness/scale, sediment, staining, PFAS, lead
- For homes built before 1986, consider lead in service lines or fixtures
- Decide whether you need a point-of-use (single tap) or whole-house solution
- Confirm any product claim against an NSF/ANSI certification for your specific contaminant
- Get the water tested at your own tap before buying equipment if a specific contaminant is the concern

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