

Water Facts

6. Fluoridation



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Is my water supply fluoridated?

Fluoridation is the dosing of water supplies to bring the fluoride level up to 1 milligram per litre as a public health measure intended to prevent tooth decay. The maximum permitted value of fluoride in drinking water is 1.5mg/l (milligrams per litre).

In England, the decision to fluoridate your water supply is made by the Secretary of State following a public consultation. The law only permits a water company to fluoridate under a contract with the Department of Health and Social Care. The water company has to be consulted about the technical feasibility of any proposed scheme. In Wales, health decisions about fluoridation are taken by the Welsh Government. As Leaf Water only provides the last mile of piped water supply and no treatment it is not responsible for adding fluoride to your supply. If your water supply is fluoridated this will be undertaken by the resident incumbent water company.

The water companies that are currently required by the Secretary of State to fluoridate some or all of their water supplies are:

- United Utilities
- Northumbrian Water
- Anglian Water
- Severn Trent Water
- South Staffordshire Water

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There are currently no Leaf Water supply zones dosed with fluoride.

