

FAQ: Community Water Fluoridation Information Session
July 29, 2015 – 1 p.m. | Denver Water Administration Building

What is Community Water Fluoridation (CWF)?

Community Water Fluoridation, or CWF, is the managed addition of fluoride to public water supplies with the goal of reducing tooth decay among the population that consumes the water.

Does Denver Water practice CWF?

Yes, Denver Water manages the level of fluoride in our drinking water to the lowest concentration recommended by leading government health authorities like the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and others.

How much fluoride does Denver Water add?

The short answer is very little. Our source water, depending on seasonal impacts and other conditions, contains naturally occurring fluoride at levels that approach what is recommended by leading public health authorities.

What is the Community Water Fluoridation Information Session?

Denver Water will host an information session to update the Denver Board of Water Commissioners on the latest science as it relates to managing fluoride levels in our drinking water. We've invited six local and nationally recognized experts — three from each side of the issue — to share their perspectives and provide insight on the latest science of CWF.

Why are you hosting the information session?

Denver Water periodically revisits our policies and procedures to ensure compliance with industry best practices and recommendations of outside experts. In light of recently updated CWF recommendations from HHS, and in response to a request by a small group of our customers, it is prudent for our board members to hear evidence from leading health experts on both sides of the issue.

Is the session open to the public?

While this session is open to the public, seating is limited. To maximize public participation, Denver Water will stream the event [live online](#) and is collecting public comment via email at publicinformation@denverwater.org. Due to time limitations, no verbal public comment will be taken at the event.

Will Denver Water change its policy on CWF?

No policy change is anticipated at this time, and no action is expected at the information session. The board is committed, however, to implementing policies that are consistent with industry best practices, recommendations of leading health experts and the values of our customers and the communities we serve.