

Making Life Better

Answer Two Questions To See If You Need A Water Softener

(NAPSA)—If you don't have a water softener in your home, you might not realize the effect it can have on your quality of life.

Fact is, today's high-efficiency water softeners can substantially lower water and electricity costs while making water-using appliances more efficient.

Other benefits include:

- Sparkling dishes
- Shinier hair
- Softer skin
- Brighter, softer laundry
- Better-tasting water.

Not everyone with hard water is aware of those benefits, however. Your answers to two simple questions can help you determine whether your home would benefit from a water softener.

Question 1: What does it cost to treat your water? You may be treating your water to counteract hardness with costly chemical-based products such as detergents, shampoos, fabric softeners or dishwasher rinse agents. While you'll still need to buy these, with a water softener, you will need significantly less. You may also eliminate costly repairs for other water-using appliances, like a water heater or dishwasher, and reduce plumbing bills.

Question 2. What's your home's water quality? Certain signs indicate you may need softer water. Have you noticed:

- Soap scum in the shower or bathtub
- Stains on your drinking glasses after a run through the dishwasher
- Dingy, scratchy clothes
- Dry skin and dull hair
- Scale buildup on fixtures



A high-efficiency water softener can provide many benefits to homeowners, including brighter, softer laundry.

- A "rotten egg" odor
- A water heater that is leaking or producing unstable water temperatures?

A local water expert like a Culligan Man can conduct an in-home test for hardness, iron, copper, pH and alkalinity. People with well water can have a Culligan Man send a sample to the company's water laboratory, which is accredited by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program and the U.S. EPA. Based on testing results, he can recommend a high-efficiency water softener that meets your home's specific needs, install it, service it, deliver materials and even fill your tank.

You can also find out about water quality from a water utility, a water quality association or the U.S. EPA website at EPA.gov.

Learn More

For more about high-efficiency water softeners, visit <http://www.culligan.com/en-us/d/homes/water-softener/>.