



Current Events

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Office closure for August

Our office will be closed on Thursday, August 26, from 11:30-1:00 for a company meeting.

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Does Fluoride Belong in Your Drinking Water?

Many communities in the US began fluoridating their drinking water in the 1940s in an effort to improve dental health for the entire population.

While it's true that dental problems such as tooth decay and missing teeth have improved greatly in the US over the past 80 years, **the same is true in countries that do not fluoridate water**. Research also shows that communities that stop fluoridating water also improve their dental health.

Maybe it's something else – better nutrition, less sugar, better dental health habits – that's making the difference, and not fluoride.

What's wrong with fluoride?

If adding fluoride *might* help improve dental health, should we continue to add it to water, just in case?

WaterPro's professional staff and board, in agreement with many health and water professionals, find many reasons to stop adding fluoride to our water supply. Here are a few:

- Fluoride is an extremely toxic chemical. Handling fluoride **puts our water treatment staff at risk** of toxic exposure.
- **Possible overexposure in culinary water carries many, many risks** to individuals who drink the water. A small accidental

overdose of fluoride can be dangerous.

- Adding fluoride to drinking water **is a form of forced medication**, where individuals are exposed to the chemical whether they want it or not. There is no way to regulate the dosage, since people drink different amounts of water. Giving targeted topical fluoride treatments to people who need it (such as some children) is a far superior method of delivery.
- **Fluoride has been linked to numerous bad health outcomes**, including dementia, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, infertility, and many more. Fluoride is known to affect the cardiovascular, central nervous, digestive, endocrine, immune, renal, and respiratory systems.

Doesn't everybody else add fluoride to their water?

Locally, Holladay and White City don't, and several other water systems are looking at quitting fluoridation.

Worldwide, most people don't drink fluoridated water – in fact, only 3% of the population of Western Europe drinks it. In the US, 66% of people drink water that has been fluoridated, although more communities are considering banning it.

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Best Water-Saving Tip: Use the Weekly Lawn Watering Guide ([Weekly Lawn Watering Guide – Conserve Water Utah](#)) to determine how often to run your sprinklers. (Hint: Twice a week is the recommended maximum for now.)



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Mark your calendar for Draper Irrigation/WaterPro's annual shareholders' meeting, to be held on **Wednesday, September 15 at 7 p.m. in the Draper City Building, 1020 East Pioneer Road.**

While shareholders are always encouraged to attend the meeting, this year there are three major reasons for attending that we'd like to emphasize:

- 1. Fluoride.** Our board and professional staff are recommending that we cease adding fluoride to the community's drinking water, but the final decision will be made by the shareholders attending and voting at the meeting.
- 2. Reuse.** An official notification about the reuse project will go out on our website and in the September newsletter. Attending the meeting will give you an opportunity to learn more about this project.
- 3. Board of directors.** As always, shareholders will have an opportunity to fill open seats on our board from the slate of candidates.

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Fluoride: It's YOUR choice!

WaterPro will ask our stockholders to decide at our annual meeting September 15 (see article at left) whether to stop fluoridating our drinking water. **You must attend the meeting and you must be a stockholder to vote on this issue.**

Learn more about fluoride

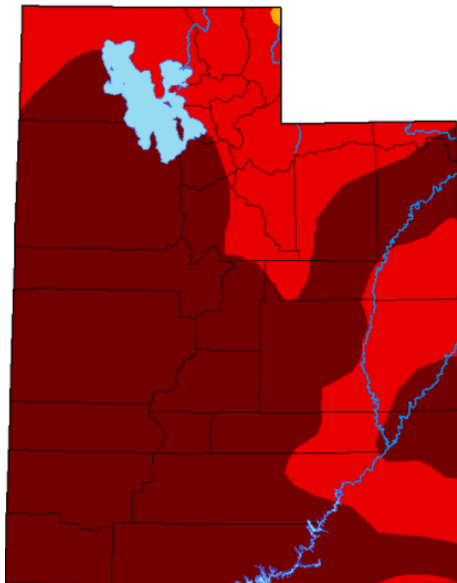
Our staff and directors will be at the meeting to answer questions. Before the meeting, we invite you to learn

more about this issue by checking out the following links:

- [Fluoride Action Network](#)
- [Facts About Fluoride](#)
- Some supporting research:
 - [New Studies Cast Doubt on Fluoridation Benefits](#)
 - [Adding fluoride to water supplies](#)

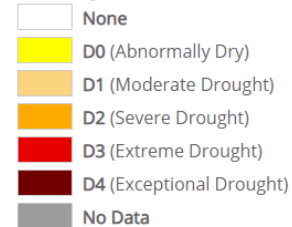
If you have questions about the upcoming vote and WaterPro's position, please contact David Gardner at 801-571-2232.

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Intensity



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Most of the state of Utah is now in the most severe state of drought, D4 or Exceptional drought. The extreme heat we have been experiencing this summer has intensified the drought conditions.

We strongly encourage all Utah residents to use water sparingly and [prioritize watering](#):

- Trees
- Shrubs and bushes

- Perennials
- Annuals
- Grass

Grass is the toughest plant in the landscape. It will go dormant (turning brown) during drought and heat and will recover once conditions improve. Cut way back on lawn watering and focus on keeping other plants healthy.