

MY WATER APPEARS TO HAVE WHITE FLAKES

LIKELY PROBLEM	HEALTH CONCERN?	OTHER CLUES & CONSIDERATIONS	CONFIRM IT	POSSIBLE FIXES	LICENSE REQUIRED FOR FIX?	STATE FUNDS?	MORE INFO
<p>Hardness (excess calcium and magnesium carbonate in groundwater)</p> <p>See the United States Geological Survey web page on hardness.</p>	<p>No. Although hardness is a nuisance because it causes decreased efficiency of water heaters and can shorten the life of water using appliances.</p>	<p>Is there scum or scale deposited on tubs, showers or humidifiers? Is it difficult to lather soap or shampoo? Is there a buildup of white material in your tea kettle? Do your dishes have white spots?</p>	<p>Test your water alkalinity and hardness. Contact a laboratory certified by DNR to test for calcium and magnesium.</p>	<p>Install a Dept. of Safety and Professional Services approved water treatment device from search dropdown, select products; then from type of product, choose plumbing products and then water treatment device. Devices are listed under contaminants they will remove. Water softeners are the best option.</p>	<p>Yes, treatment devices must be installed by licensed plumbers; or in some cases may be installed by the owner/occupant of a single family private residence. See plumbing license laws.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>UWSP Well Water Quality Viewer</p> <p>Center for Watershed Science and Education, UW-Stevens Point</p> <p>United States Geological Survey</p> <p>National Ground Water Association</p> <p>Water Systems Council</p> <p>National Sanitation Foundation</p>