

MassDPH & MassDEP Community Fluoridation Webinar for Public Water Systems Q&A (Thursday, May 23, 2024)

Q1. Can fluoride be removed from the treatment process. Since it does not appear to be required. What are the steps to take to stop using fluoride?

A. Regarding any fluoride being added or adjusted to your drinking water to help prevent tooth decay and support oral health, in Massachusetts this decision is made locally; refer to M.G.L. c. 111, § 8C. Massachusetts DPH recommend consulting your city/town's legal counsel to review all potential considerations. In addition, prior written approval is required for any new or substantially modified system from MassDEP in accordance with 310 CMR 22.00, including such modifications to the fluoride adjustment process. Please contact MassDEP Drinking Water Program at program.director-dwp@mass.gov or 617-292-5770 regarding any drinking water approval or substantial modification to any permitted treatment process.