

**Mississippi State Department of Health
Community Water Fluoridation Discontinuation
Public Notification #2 (PN #2) Document**

Diamondhead Water & Sewer District

HAS VOTED TO STOP ADDING FLUORIDE TO YOUR DRINKING WATER ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:

October 23, 2025

As of the above date, this water system will no longer add fluoride to your drinking water. This action follows a previous notice given to you to inform you of the Board's proposed decision. As this decision will potentially negatively impact your oral health, as customers, you should be aware that you will be losing the following:

1. The proven benefits of community water fluoridation that are well documented and have been reviewed comprehensively by multiple scientific and public health organizations. Every major medical and dental organization supports Community Water Fluoridation (CWF) programs.
2. The most cost-effective method of delivering fluoride to all members of the community regardless of age, educational attainment or income level.
3. The reduction of dental caries (cavities) by approximately 25% in children and adults compared to areas without water fluoridation.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS THIS SYSTEM HAS DISCONTINUED THE CWF PROGRAM

1. Cost prohibitive to operate.
2. High repair and replacement costs of equipment.
3. Hazardous chemical handling for personnel.
4. Monopoly of chemical supplier.(one)
5. Non-competitive pricing for chemical supplier and for equipment supplier.

In response to the loss of water fluoridation in your community, you should consult with your dentist regarding this change with your water supply. They may propose additional supplements and suggest different treatment schedules. If you have children (starting at six months of age), their dentist may have alternative treatment suggestions to ensure the proper development of teeth as they grow. Be sure to talk to your dentist or healthcare provider with any questions or concerns. Please understand that any additional treatments may come at an increased personal cost.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR WATER SYSTEM AT:

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Helpful Contacts and Links:

MSDH Bureau of Public Water Supply: 601-576-7518

MSDH Office of Oral Health: 601-206-1590

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