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MDHHS announces water fluoridation quality recipients

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Oral Health Program announces the Water Fluoridation Quality Award recipients from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in drinking water to a level that is effective for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoride in drinking water throughout 2022.

“Fluoride is a mineral which prevents tooth decay and supports healthy bones,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. “These awards demonstrate the commitment to quality by these community water systems. Water fluoridation benefits all residents and it has demonstrated its effectiveness in preventing tooth decay throughout an individual’s lifetime.”

“Water fluoridation is one of the best investments that a community can make in maintaining the oral health of its citizens. It is equally as effective in preventing cavities in children and adults,” stated Gina Thornton-Evans, DDS, MPH, Acting Director, CDC Division of Oral Health. “Fluoridation is also highly cost effective. Studies continue to show that for every \$1 a community invests in water fluoridation, \$20 are saved in dental treatment costs.”

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century. CDC recommends water fluoridation as one of the most practical, cost-effective, equitable, and safe measures a community can take to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health.

In 2022, a total of 1,209 public water systems in 27 states received these awards, including 75 systems in Michigan.

ADRIAN
ALGONAC
ALPENA
ANN ARBOR
BARAGA
BATTLE CREEK - VERONA SYSTEM

LINDEN
LOWELL
LUDINGTON
MANISTIQUE
MHOG SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY
MARQUETTE

BAY AREA WATER SYSTEM
BENTON TOWNSHIP
BIG RAPIDS
BRIDGMAN
BUCHANAN
GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY
DEXTER
EAST JORDAN
EAST LANSING MERIDIAN WATER AUTHORITY
EATON RAPIDS
ELK RAPIDS
ESCANABA WATER DEPT.
FENTON
FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP
GLADSTONE WATER DEPT
GRAND LEDGE
GRAND RAPIDS
GRATIOT AREA WATER AUTHORITY
GRAYLING
HARBOR SPRINGS
HARTFORD
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JONESVILLE
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MARSHALL
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MASON
MENOMINEE WATER DEPT
MIDLAND
MILFORD
MONROE
MUNISING
MUSKEGON
NEGAUNEE-ISHPEMING AUTHORITY
NEW BUFFALO
NORTHWEST OTTAWA CO WATER SYST
OTSEGO
RAVENNA
SAGINAW
SAULT STE MARIE
SCHOOLCRAFT
SOUTH LYON
SPARTA
ST. CLAIR WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
ST IGNACE
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STURGIS
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