

# CITY OF BEND WATER BASICS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### *How is our drinking water tested?*

The City of Bend Utility Department monitors for over 130 regulated and unregulated contaminants from each (or both) of its water sources. The monitoring results in this report are from 2016. If a known health-related contaminant is not listed in this report, it was not detected in our drinking water.

### *Does the City of Bend add fluoride to our drinking water?*

No. City of Bend does not add fluoride to the water. Fluoride is a naturally occurring trace element in surface and groundwater. You may want to consult with your dentist about fluoride treatment to prevent tooth decay.

### *Is our water hard or soft?*

Typically City of Bend water sources have a hardness level range of approximately .99 - 1.46 grains of hardness per gallon. This makes our water within the “soft” to “slightly hard” range as classified by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Water Quality Association.

### *How can I access specific water information for my hobby?*

- Aquarium Owners: Nitrate Levels  
<https://yourwater.oregon.gov/chemssingle.php?pwsno=00100&analyte=1040>
- Fermenters: Zinc Levels  
<https://yourwater.oregon.gov/chemssingle.php?pwsno=00100&analyte=1095>
- Chlorine (Cl) Residual:  
<https://yourwater.oregon.gov/dcoliform.php?pwsno=00100>

### *Can I access specific testing results?*

Use the link below to access City of Bend's water data online at Oregon Public Health Drinking Water Data Online:

<https://yourwater.oregon.gov/chemssingle.php?pwsno=00100>

