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Municipal drinking water is treated and tested in accordance with the **Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks requirements**. The City meets and surpasses these requirements and provides safe, reliable drinking water. Please **visit our Licensing and Regulations page** for more information about the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard.

Our water is safe to drink and the City does not add fluoride to the water supply. Licensed Operators make sure all water goes through a purification process before it reaches your home. The steps in this process are:

1. screening water to remove debris
2. chemical treatment
3. filtration
4. disinfection
5. secondary disinfection once water moves into the distribution system

Sampling, Testing and Monitoring - Drinking Water

Sampling, testing and monitoring are required by legislation. To ensure the provision of safe drinking water throughout Kawartha Lakes drinking water systems, operators collect water samples at various points (raw, treated and distribution water), for thorough microbiological and chemical analyses.

To ensure compliance with applicable Ontario Drinking Water Regulations, and to continually provide safe drinking water to residents, businesses and visitors, the City of Kawartha Lakes drinking water is sampled, tested and monitored according to applicable legislation.

Hard water

Water hardness refers to the amount of calcium and magnesium in water. Hardness is expressed as mg/L calcium carbonate or in grains per gallon. One grain per US gallon equals 17.1 mg/L calcium carbonate.

Water hardness of Kawartha Lakes drinking water systems

Drinking Water System	Hardness (mg/L as CaCo3)	Grains Per Gallon (US)
Birch Point DWS	380	22
Bobcaygeon DWS	76	4
Canadiana Shores DWS	367	21
Fenelon Falls DWS	52	3
Janetville DWS	233	14
Kings Bay DWS	352	21
Kinmount DWS	47	3
Lindsay DWS	180	11
Manilla DWS	155	9
Manorview DWS	174	10
Mariposa Estates DWS	303	18
Norland DWS	25	1
Omeme DWS	273	16
Pinewood DWS	149	9
Pleasant Point DWS	315	18
Sonya DWS	320	19
Southview Estates DWS	75	4
Victoria Place DWS	264	15
Western Trent Palmina DWS	280	16
Woodfield DWS	202	12
Woodville DWS	281	16

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