



Drinking Water Fact Kit

What You Should Know Before You Buy

People buy water treatment systems for many reasons. You may be looking for a system that will reduce unpleasant taste, odor or discoloration in your water. Or, you may need a system that can reduce harmful contaminants, like lead or parasites.

Whatever your reasons and whatever system you choose, there's one important point you need to keep in mind – make certain the system you select will do what it claims it will do. How can you be sure the system you purchase will be effective?

Look for the NSF Mark.

NSF International tests and certifies that products meet the requirements of strict public health standards. The end result for you: assurance that the system will do what it says it will do.

NSF certified systems do more than just pass a test. For a system to become NSF certified, it must meet not just one, but all five of the requirements shown in the chart.

Trust only NSF International to put products through a comprehensive evaluation process, giving you the assurance that they will perform as claimed.

Make sure that the system you buy is "NSF Certified." Look for the NSF Mark on the product and be assured your product meets strict standards for design and performance.

NSF CERTIFIED VS. "TESTING TO NSF STANDARDS"

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

Some products are NSF certified. Some only claim to be "tested to NSF Standards." What's the difference?

Ask yourself the questions below:

NSF Certified		Tested to NSF Standards
Yes	Contaminant reduction claims are true.	??
Yes	The system does not add anything harmful to the water.	??
Yes	The system is structurally sound.	??
Yes	Advertising, literature and labeling are not misleading.	??
Yes	The materials and production processes don't change, giving you consistent product quality over time.	??

