



## Water Softener Hardness Setting Guidance

Setting the hardness setting on a water softener to reflect the actual water quality coming to the softener is considered a best practice for reducing salt use.

This chart and the lookup map available on our website report numbers derived from local water utilities determined to be the expected hardness by location. These values (reported in grains) can be used to help guide water softener set up for salt efficiency.

Municipality	Hardness in grains
Fitchburg	Multiple; see map at link below
Madison	Multiple; see map at link below
Middleton	18
Monona	24
Verona	20
Cottage Grove	20
Deforest	32
Maple Bluff	Multiple; see map at link below
McFarland	21
Morrisonville	20
Shorewood Hills	Multiple; see map at link below
T. Madison	Multiple; see map at link below
Waunakee	15
Windsor	20

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To look up specific addresses using a dynamic map, visit [madsewer.org/hardnesslookup](http://madsewer.org/hardnesslookup)

