

## **10 FACTS ABOUT COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION** (CWF)



Fluoride is a natural occurring mineral found in all water. It strengthens teeth and protects them from decay.

Some water supplies naturally have ideal levels of fluoride while others need to be adjusted using CWF. The U.S Public Health Service recommends an ideal fluoride concentration of 0.7 mg/L.





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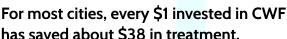
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention named CWF one of the 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century.

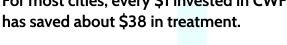
children and adults.

CWF is the most inexpensive and efficient way to deliver fluoride to people of all ages, education, and income levels.



Studies show that drinking fluoridated water reduced cavities by about 25% in





School children living in fluoridated communities on average have 2.25 fewer decayed teeth compared with children living in non-fluoridated communities.



In 2019, 78.1% of Florida's residents, 15,779,930 people, were served by fluoridated community water systems.

> The very first community to initiate community water fluoridation in Florida was Gainesville in 1949.



According to the CDC, 73%, of the U.S. population has benefited from CWF in 2018. That's more than 200 million people!



