

**Table 9**  
**Reasons why households with a non-municipal water supply treated their tap water before using it, by province**

	Treated water prior to consumption <sup>1</sup>	Reasons for treating <sup>2</sup>							
		To improve appearance, taste or odour	To remove water treatment chemicals such as chlorine	To soften the water	To remove metals or minerals other than hard water	To remove possible bacterial contamination	Due to a boil water advisory	Because treatment device was already installed or pre-existing	Other reasons
	percent								
<b>Canada</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5<sup>E</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>E</sup></b>	<b>9</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Prince Edward Island	37	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Nova Scotia	51	41	F	27 <sup>E</sup>	45	29	F	F	F
New Brunswick	52	39	F	26 <sup>E</sup>	43	24 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	F
Quebec	41	45	F	42	43	31 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	F
Ontario	55	39	7 <sup>E</sup>	32	37	36	F	F	9 <sup>E</sup>
Manitoba	54	53 <sup>E</sup>	F	37 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	F	F	F
Saskatchewan	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Alberta	47	70	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
British Columbia	52	38 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	41 <sup>E</sup>	43 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	F

1. As a percentage of households with a non-municipal water supply reporting that tap water was used.

2. Relates only to households reporting that tap water was used.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Environment Accounts and Statistics Division, CANSIM table 153-0066.