

**Table 8**  
**Reasons why households with a 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>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	66	51	42	8 <sup>E</sup>	19	26	F	9 <sup>E</sup>	10 <sup>E</sup>
Prince Edward Island	55	71	44 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	F	F	F	F
Nova Scotia	55	56	50	F	16 <sup>E</sup>	18 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	12 <sup>E</sup>
New Brunswick	49	51	47	F	11 <sup>E</sup>	18 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	F
Quebec	36	40	34	16	18	24	6 <sup>E</sup>	6 <sup>E</sup>	8 <sup>E</sup>
Ontario	57	49	40	14	25	36	F	8	10
Manitoba	52	71	40	9 <sup>E</sup>	24 <sup>E</sup>	30	F	6 <sup>E</sup>	3 <sup>E</sup>
Saskatchewan	51	69	45	15 <sup>E</sup>	28	27	F	7 <sup>E</sup>	F
Alberta	52	55	35	13	23	28	F	12	5 <sup>E</sup>
British Columbia	55	48	36	13 <sup>E</sup>	26	35	F	12	7 <sup>E</sup>

1. As a percentage of households with a 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.