

Table 10
Reasons why households with a non-municipal water supply treated their tap water before using it, by province

	Treated water prior to consumption ¹	Reasons for treating ²							
		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									
Canada	48	37	7	28	37	31	F	9	7^E
Newfoundland and Labrador	58	42 ^E	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Prince Edward Island	50	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Nova Scotia	47	36	F	27	47	20 ^E	F	F	F
New Brunswick	40	44	F	22 ^E	34	26 ^E	F	F	F
Quebec	36	35 ^E	F	34 ^E	35 ^E	F	F	F	F
Ontario	54	37	6 ^E	32	34	37	F	9 ^E	6 ^E
Manitoba	60	48	F	44	53	32 ^E	F	F	F
Saskatchewan	41	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Alberta	55	34 ^E	F	F	45	F	F	F	F
British Columbia	55	35 ^E	F	18 ^E	43 ^E	29 ^E	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.