

# Communities Benefit from Water Fluoridation

Water fluoridation is safe, effective, and saves communities money.

On average, communities with water fluoridation experience:

**25%** fewer cavities than communities without water fluoridation leading to:

- Less pain
- Less fillings and teeth pulled
- Less missed days of school and work



A return of **\$20** for every \$1 invested

- Less expensive dental treatments needed
- Saves communities and families money



Water fluoridation improves oral health and reaches everyone in the community.

Visit [www.cdc.gov/fluoridation](http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation) for information about community water fluoridation.



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