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City of Altura Residential Water Softener Rebate & Optimization Program

Background

The City of Altura is dedicated to protecting fresh water and keeping sewer bills low. We currently are not meeting the water treatment discharge permit limits for chloride. Minnesota lakes, streams and drinking water are experiencing rising levels of chloride (a component of salt) from road salt application and water softener salt. It is expensive and energy-intensive to remove dissolved chloride from water, so the best way to keep water clean is by reducing the amount of salt that enters water in the first place. We have a window of opportunity right now to help keep sewer bills low by reducing chloride from water softeners. We are partnering with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, through Bolton & Menk, Inc. and local water treatment experts to offer FREE water softener system adjustments for all qualified residents in the city whose homes are connected to the sanitary sewer system.

Free Optimization Program

Water softener salt use can be reduced by adjusting the salt dose and additional settings – this is known as optimization. With grant funding from the state of Minnesota, the city is offering free softener optimizations for residents. This will ensure your softener is set properly, help lower your softener salt use, and result in cost savings for you and reduced discharge of chlorides to the sanitary sewer system.

Water Softener Rebate Program

The City of Altura partnered with Bolton & Menk, Inc. to use MPCA grant funds to provide water softener replacement and optimization rebates. Forty-percent of pre-tax cost up to \$1,200 rebates are available to residents for upgrading old and inefficient softeners 15 years or older, time clock-based, or with a rated salt efficiency of less than 3350 gr/lb. salt, to more efficient water softeners. Replacement softeners must be demand-initiated and achieve a minimum salt efficiency of 4000 grains/lb. salt. Salt-free water conditioners may also be eligible, but must be pre-approved by the City.

Rebate funds are limited to \$1,200 per household and subject to terms and availability; optimization, softener replacement, or removal must be completed, and paperwork submitted by 5/15/2024. Rebates will be distributed in the order received. For more information and to check eligibility, visit <http://alturamn.ourlocalview.com//HomeTown>.



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