

MY WATER FEELS AS IF IT BURNS MY SKIN

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High Salt Content	Possibly, if an individual has been advised to eat a low sodium diet. See the Division of Health for more information about sodium . There is a nuisance standard for chloride which gives the salty taste.	Do you have dry skin? Is lots of road salt applied nearby? Is your water softener functioning properly?	Test your water for sodium and chloride Contact a laboratory certified by DNR to test for sodium and chloride .	See MY WATER TASTES SALTY .	See MY WATER TASTES SALTY .	See MY WATER TASTES SALTY .	See MY WATER TASTES SALTY .
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Malfunctioning Potassium Permanganate Treatment	May cause etching of teeth.	Is there a chlorine taste or odor?	Is the water a pale pink or the color of grape juice following treatment?	Repair by a licensed plumber.	Yes, treatment devices must be installed by licensed plumbers ; or in some cases may be installed by the owner/occupant of a single family private residence. See plumbing license laws .	No	
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Gasoline See VOCs in Drinking Water brochure.	Yes, if components of gasoline exceed drinking water standards . See Department of Health for information about gasoline, MTBE, Benzene and Toluene . If you can smell gasoline, it is probably present above any health standards and you should stop drinking it until it is tested.	Is there a gasoline odor? Is there a gasoline station or was there a spill nearby? Did the problem start suddenly?	Send a sample to a laboratory certified by DNR to test for petroleum and VOCs . Test for gasoline range organics (GRO) or petroleum VOCs.	Install a Dept. of Safety and Professional Services approved water treatment device from the search dropdown select products; then choose plumbing products, then choose water treatment device Devices are listed under contaminants they will remove.	Yes, treatment devices must be installed by licensed plumbers ; or in some cases may be installed by the owner/occupant of a single family private residence. See plumbing license laws . Be sure the treatment device chosen is capable of removing the level of contaminant you have in your water.	Yes, if drinking water standards are exceeded; eligibility criteria met; and approval received first. See well replacement program .	United States Geological Survey National Ground Water Association Water Systems Council National Sanitation Foundation Center for Watershed Science and Education, UW-Stevens Point