

Brushy Creek MUD
Annual Water Hardness
The District's water hardness is recorded once a week by the Water Treatment Plant

Year	Year Avg mg/L	Avg GPG Setting	Water Softener Setting Formula mg/L \div 17.1 = GPG
2023	174	10.3	
2024	175	10.8	
2025	184	10.3	
2026	182	10.6	



Water Hardness Scale		
Grains Per Gallon	Milligrams Per Liter (mg/L) or Parts Per Million (ppm)	Classification
less than 1.0	less than 17.1	Soft
1.0 - 3.5	17.1 - 60	Slightly Hard
3.5 - 7.0	60 - 120	Moderately Hard
7.0 - 10.5	120 - 180	Hard
over 10.5	over 180	Very Hard

Water is an excellent solvent and when in contact readily dissolves minerals. As water moves through soil and rock, it dissolves very small amounts of minerals and holds them in solution. Water "hardness" is caused by compounds of a variety of metals dissolved in water, calcium and magnesium are the two most common minerals that make water "hard".

The hardness of water is referred to by three types of measurements: Grains Per Gallon (GPG), Milligrams Per Liter (mg/L), or Parts Per Million (PPM).

Hard water requires more soap and synthetic detergents and contributes to scaling in and on appliances and hot water heaters.

To maintain your water softeners and not waste salt you will want to set your softener slightly above the District's current hardness.

Typically the water produced by the District is classified "hard" to "very hard", refer to the above table for more details to this classification.

Adjust your water softener hardness setting accordingly during the year as the water quality hardness level changes.

Example: If the District water supply is recorded at 195 MGL after using the "Water Softener Setting" formula the water hardness average is currently 11.40 GPG.

You will want to set your water softener hardness to 12 GPG (Hardness = 195 mg/L \div 17.1 = 11.40 Grains Per Gallon)

2026 Weekly Water Hardness in Milligrams Per Liter (mg/L)

