

SoftPro Water Systems Offers Homeowners a Guide to Choosing a Water Softener

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Hard water affects an estimated 85 percent of households across the United States, leaving many homeowners contending with scale buildup inside pipes and water heaters, stubborn soap scum on fixtures, and appliances that wear out sooner than expected. The dissolved calcium and magnesium responsible for these problems cannot be seen in a glass of water, yet over time they accumulate in ways that raise maintenance costs and shorten the lifespan of household equipment.

For homeowners weighing whether to install a water softener, SoftPro Water Systems has outlined the mechanics behind the technology and the factors that determine whether a system performs well over the long term. The company states it has more than 30 years of experience in residential water treatment.

An effective water softening system works through ion exchange. As water passes through a bed of resin beads, the beads attract and hold calcium and magnesium ions, releasing sodium ions in their place. The resin is periodically cleaned through a process called regeneration. Systems that regenerate on a fixed timer

cycle on a set schedule regardless of use, while demand-initiated regeneration monitors actual household water consumption and regenerates only as needed. SoftPro states that its demand-based approach reduces salt and water use compared with timer-based designs, and that its Elite Smart HE line uses upflow regeneration technology, which the company states consumes less salt per cycle than conventional downflow designs.

Water hardness is measured in grains per gallon, or GPG. Water below 1 GPG is considered soft, while anything above 7 GPG is classified as hard. Many well-water households see levels in the 15 to 25 GPG range, which is why proper sizing, rather than brand choice alone, determines whether a softener system holds up over time. SoftPro Water offers a sizing calculator and a water analysis report as free tools for determining system size and identifying what is present in a household's local supply.

"Sizing matters as much as the equipment itself," said a spokesperson for SoftPro Water Systems. "An undersized unit regenerates too often and wears out faster, so testing hardness and iron levels before selecting a system is a step worth taking."

Well water can present complications beyond hardness, including iron, manganese, and hydrogen sulfide. SoftPro's AIO Iron Master is built around air injection and Katalox filtration media aimed at oxidizing and removing dissolved and particulate iron, a function distinct from a standard softener. The company also produces whole-house carbon filtration products for chlorine, chloramine, and taste and odor reduction, along with a pH-neutralizing calcite filter for acidic well water.

The company describes its systems as engineered in alignment with NSF and WQA industry standards, including NSF/ANSI 44 for residential cation-exchange softeners, NSF/ANSI 42 for taste and odor reduction, and NSF/ANSI 372 for lead-free compliance.

America's Best Water Softeners & Water Filters, known as SoftPro, specializes in water treatment solutions for homes and businesses. Its catalog includes water softeners for city and well water, whole-house filters, iron filters, commercial systems, and replacement filters. Homeowners can find sizing tools and product details at softprowatersystems.com.

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