



WHY IS NSF/ANSI 61 CERTIFICATION IMPORTANT?

Only NSF International can provide the respected blue NSF/ANSI certification mark, which identifies municipal water supply products that undergo annual testing to ensure continued compliance to strict chemical leaching requirements.

Benefits of Using NSF/ANSI 61 Certified Products

> Improves water quality

Ensures new components will not add lead, nitrosamines, chromium VI or other contaminants that can cause health effects and regulatory problems.

> Product quality and consistency

NSF requires annual inspections and annual testing of municipal products certified to NSF/ANSI 61. To maintain certification, manufacturers cannot change suppliers or formulations without evaluation and approval from NSF. That is important in the deep and transitory supply chains that exist today.

> Complies with state requirements

48 states require NSF/ANSI 61 for municipal water product components.

Risks of Not Using NSF/ANSI 61 Certified Products

> Regulatory enforcement

State agencies can order removal of noncertified products. Fines can be issued, but the cost of removing and replacing equipment is likely to exceed the fine. Enforcement often occurs at the bid request stage when a utility is not specifying NSF/ANSI 61 in a bid or if it specifies NSF/ANSI 61 but awards the contract to a product that is not certified.

> Performance failures

When products are not certified to NSF/ANSI 61, manufacturers have no restrictions on changing formulations. That can lead to contamination issues as well as performance problems.

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