

Water Softener Comparison Checklist

Check to see if the equipment you are looking at has features etc. that may be important to you.

Feature	Ecowater	Other #1	Other #2
Appropriate size. To determine required capacity for your family, multiply: hardness in grains x Number of people x 65 gallons per person x 4 days for reserve capacity on demand softeners. Eg. for 5 people in Lethbridge: 13 gpg x 5 x 65 x 4 = 16,900 grains or larger water softener.	✓		
Demand recharge tracks water use and only recharges when needed – Saving Salt and Water	✓		
Cabinet Styling – softener and salt tank in one	✓		
Low voltage electronic timer for accuracy, reliability, and safety	✓		
Certified to appropriate NSF Standards	✓		
Zerofootprint certification – Certifying that there is no net carbon footprint	✓		
Bypass valve included – allowing service etc. without shutting off water supply	✓		
Plumbing installation included	✓		
Parts and Service available locally	✓		
Upflow brining increasing capacity, reduces salt consumption and makes softer water	✓		
1" full porting and connections for reduced pressure loss	Most Models		
Remote monitor letting your know of any possible problems and when to add salt	Most Models		
Electronic connection from softener over phone lines to diagnose problems	Most Models		
Digital display showing capacity remaining and other valuable monitoring information	Most Models		
Salt monitoring lets you know when you need to add salt	Most Models		
Proportional brining only recharges the portion of the softening bed that has been used saving salt and water	Most Models		
Stratified resin bed using 2 types of resin for more efficiency	Most Models		
Chlorine removal option	Top Model		