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# **News Release**

## **Stoughton Utilities**

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### **Stoughton Utilities receives Water Fluoridation Quality Award**

Stoughton Utilities was recently commended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and was presented with a Water Fluoridation Quality Award. The Oral Health Program in the Division of Public Health recognized the community of Stoughton's commitment and dedication to providing the benefits of water fluoridation for the citizens in our community. The Water Fluoridation Quality Award recognizes water systems that adjust the fluoride concentration in drinking water and achieves a monthly average fluoride level that is in the optimal range for 12 consecutive months in a year. Stoughton Utilities has maintained a consistent level of optimally fluoridated water throughout 2011, and was one of 138 systems within Wisconsin to do so.

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by the CDC as one of ten great public health achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Water fluoridation has helped improve the quality of life in the United States through reduced pain and suffering related to tooth decay, reduced time lost from school and work, and less money spent to restore, remove, or replace decayed teeth. Fluoridation is the single most effective public health measure to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health over a lifetime, for both children and adults. It is estimated that every \$1.00 invested in fluoridation saves at least \$38.00 in costs for dental treatment.

Customers interested in learning more about Stoughton Utilities' water fluoridation program can contact Stoughton Utilities at (608) 873-3379 or at [www.stoughtonutilities.com](http://www.stoughtonutilities.com).

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Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area; and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton.