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Indiana American Water Responds to Charlestown's Decision on Fluoridation

GREENWOOD, IND., December 10, 2025 — Indiana American Water acknowledges the passage of Ordinance 2025-OR-18, titled "An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Charlestown, Indiana to cease the addition of fluoride to the municipal water supply," by the Charlestown City Council, on Nov. 3, 2025, directing the cessation of fluoride treatment to the municipal water supply.

As of Dec. 1, 2025, Indiana American Water responded to the Ordinance and amended its water treatment operations and formally removed the fluoride additive from its Charlestown water system.

"Indiana American Water is committed to being a trusted community partner by delivering safe, clean, reliable, and affordable drinking water to our customers," said Barry Suits, President, Indiana American Water. "We add fluoride only when required or requested by state or local regulations. When those regulations change—as with Charlestown's new ordinance—we promptly adjust our treatment processes to remain in full compliance."

Most of the water produced at Indiana American Water's Charlestown treatment facility serves the Charlestown community, with 4 percent of its daily production sold to neighboring Marysville-Otisco Nabb Water Corporation.

Indiana American Water's Water Quality Reports, published annually, confirm that all Indiana systems meet or surpass federal and state drinking water standards.

Alternative Sources for Fluoride
According to the CDC, fluoride helps protect teeth from cavities at every age, and it's especially important for children because it strengthens developing teeth and reduces the risk of decay later in life. The agency recommends:

- Brushing with fluoride toothpaste twice a day to keep teeth strong.
- Asking your dentist, doctor, or pediatrician whether your child needs an oral fluoride supplement, such as drops, tablets, or lozenges. These can help ensure children get the protection they need while their teeth are forming.
- Schedule regular dental checkups and cleanings to maintain oral health and catch problems early.

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About Indiana American Water
Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.5 million people.

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