

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DRINKING WATER A, B, C & D FORMULA SHEET AND CONVERSION FACTORS 10-09**

12 in = 1 ft	27 cu. ft. = 1 cu. yd	1000 mg = 1 gm	60 sec = 1 min
3 ft = 1 yd	7.48 gal = 1 cu. ft.	1000 gm = 1 kg	60 min = 1 hour
5280 ft = 1 mi	8.34 lbs = 1 gal	1000 ml = 1 liter	1440 min = 1 day
144 sq. in. = 1 sq. ft.	62.4 lbs = 1 cu. ft.	3.785L = 1 gal	10,000 mg/L = 1%
43,560 sq. ft. = 1 acre	1 grain / gal = 17.1 mg/L	2.31 ft water = 1 psi	454 gm = 1 lb.
		0.433 psi = 1 ft water	

L = Length    B = Base     $\pi = 3.14$     W = Width    H = Height    R = Radius

**AREA**

Rectangle:  $A = L \times W$       Triangle:  $A = 1/2 B \times H$       Circle:  $\text{Area} = \pi \times R^2$

**Volume**

Cylinder:  $V = \pi R^2 \times H$       Rectangle:  $V = L \times W \times H$       Cone:  $V = 1/3 \pi \times R^2 \times H$

**TEMPERATURE CONVERSIONS**

$C^\circ \text{ to } F^\circ = C^\circ \times 1.8 + (32)$

$F^\circ \text{ to } C^\circ = \frac{(F^\circ - 32)}{1.8}$

**VELOCITIES and FLOW RATES**

1.  $V = \frac{\text{distance, feet}}{\text{time, min}}$

2.  $Q = V \times A$       Flow rate = (velocity, ft / sec x area, sq. ft.)

**DETENTION TIME**

1. Detention Time =  $\frac{(\text{tank, cap., gal}) \times (24 \text{ hours/day})}{\text{rate of flow (gal / time)}}$

2. Detention Time, Minutes =  $\frac{(\text{cap., gal.})(24 \text{ hr./day})(60 \text{ min./hr.})}{(\text{Flow, gal./day})}$

**PARTS PER MILLION / POUNDS**

1.  $\text{mg/L} = \frac{\text{pounds of chemical}}{(8.34 \text{ lbs / gal} \times \text{MG})}$

2.  $\text{lbs} = 8.34 \text{ lbs / gal} \times \text{mg/L} \times \text{MG}$

## LOADINGS

1. Weir overflow, gal / day / ft =  $\frac{\text{total flow, gal / day}}{\text{length of weir, ft.}}$

2. Surface loading, gal / day / sq.ft. =  $\frac{\text{flow, gal / day}}{\text{surface area, sq. ft.}}$

3. Rise rate, ft / min =  $\frac{\text{surface loading, gal / min / sq. ft.}}{7.48 \text{ gal / cu. ft.}}$

## CHEMICAL MIXING & SOLUTION STRENGTHS

1. Polymer, % =  $\frac{(\text{dry polymer, lbs}) \times (100\%)}{(\text{dry polymer, lbs} + \text{water, lbs})}$

2. Dry polymer, lbs =  $(\text{Water, Lbs}) / ((100 / \text{polymer \%}) - 1)$

3. Water, lbs =  $\frac{\text{dry polymer, lbs} \times 100\%}{\text{polymer \%}} - \text{dry polymer, lbs}$

4. Liquid polymer, gal =  $\frac{(\text{polymer solution, \%}) (\text{gal of solution})}{\text{liquid polymer, \%}}$

5. Scale setting, % =  $\frac{(\text{desired feed rate, gal / hr}) (100\%)}{\text{maximum feed rate, gal / hr.}}$

6. Feeder setting, % =  $\frac{(\text{desired feed rate, lbs / day}) (100\%)}{(\text{maximum feed rate, lbs / day})}$

7. Water added, gal =  $\frac{(\text{hypo, gal}) (\text{hypo, \%}) - (\text{hypo, gal}) (\text{desired hypo, \%})}{\text{desired hypo, \%}}$

8. Polymer feed, lbs/day =  $\frac{(\text{polymer conc., mg/L})(\text{vol. pumped, ml})(60 \text{ min/hr})(24 \text{ hr/day})}{(\text{time pumped, min.})(1,000 \text{ mg/L})(1,000 \text{ mg/gm})(454 \text{ gm/lb})}$

## FILTRATION

1. Filtration rate, gal / min / sq. ft. =  $\frac{\text{flow, gal / min}}{\text{surface area, sq. ft.}}$
2. Backwash pumping rate, gal / min = (filter surface area, sq. ft.) (BW rate, gal / min / sq. ft.)
3. Backwash rise, in/min. =  $\frac{(\text{backwash, GPM/sft})(12\text{in/ft})}{(7.48 \text{ gal/cft})}$
4. Backwash % =  $\frac{(\text{backwash water, gal}) (100\%)}{\text{water filtered, gal.}}$
5. UFRV, gal / sq. ft. =  $\frac{\text{volume filtered, gal}}{\text{filter surface area, sq. ft.}}$
6. UFRV, gal/sq. ft. = (Filtration Rate, GPM/sq ft)(Filter Run, hr)(60 min/hr)

## SOFTENING & DEMINERALIZATION

1. Lime feed, mg/L =  $\frac{(A + B + C + D) \times 1.15}{\text{purity of lime as a decimal}}$

A = carbon dioxide, source water (mg/L as CO<sub>2</sub>) x (56 / 44)

B = bicarbonate alkalinity, source water (mg/L as Ca CO<sub>3</sub>) x (56 / 100)

C = hydroxide alkalinity, source water (mg/L as Ca CO<sub>3</sub>) x (56 / 100)

D = magnesium, source water (mg/L as Mg<sup>2+</sup>) x (56 / 24.3)

If hydrated lime is used instead of quicklime, substitute 74 for 56 in A, B, C, and D.

2. Lime demand, mg/L =  $\frac{[(2.27 \times \text{CO}_2) + (\text{Total Alkalinity}) + (4.12 \times \text{Mg}) \times 0.56] \times (\text{excess})}{\text{Calcium oxide purity (\% / 100)}}$
3. Lime demand, lbs / MG =  $\frac{(\text{lime demand, mg/L}) (1 \text{ MG}) (4.67 \text{ lb / MG / mg/L}) (\text{excess lime, \% / 10})}{\text{Calcium oxide purity (\% / 100)}}$
4. Exchange capacity, grains = (removal capacity, gr / cu. ft.) (media vol, cu. ft.)
5. Water treated, gal =  $\frac{\text{exchange capacity, grains}}{\text{hardness removed, grains / gal}}$
6. Bypass flow, gal / day =  $\frac{(\text{total flow, gal / day}) (\text{finished water hardness, grains / gal})}{\text{raw water hardness, grains / gal}}$
7. Salt, lbs = (salt req'd, lbs / 1000 grains) (hardness removed, grains)
8. Brine, gal =  $\frac{\text{salt needed, lbs}}{\text{salt sol'n, lbs / gal}}$

$$9. \quad \text{Mineral rejection, \%} = 1 - \left( \frac{\text{product TDS, mg/L}}{\text{feedwater TDS, mg/L}} \right) \times 100\%$$

$$10. \quad \text{Recovery, \%} = \left( \frac{\text{product flow}}{\text{feed flow}} \right) \times 100\%$$

$$11. \quad \text{Non-Carbonate Hardness} = \text{Mg/L as CaCO}_3$$

$$\text{Total Hardness} - \text{Total Alkalinity} = \text{Non-Carbonate Hardness}$$

$$\text{Raw Non-Carbonate Hardness} - \text{Finished Non-Carbonate Hardness} = \text{Non-Carbonate Hardness Removed}$$

$$12. \quad \text{Soda Ash} = (\text{Non-Carbonate Hardness}) \left( \frac{106}{100} \right)$$

### **FLUORIDATION**

$$1. \quad \text{Fluoride ion purity, \%} = \frac{(\text{molecular wt. of F in compound}) (100\%)}{\text{molecular wt. of compound}}$$

$$2. \quad \text{Feed rate, lbs / day} = \frac{(\text{flow, MGD}) (\text{desired F, mg/L}) (8.34 \text{ lbs / gal}) (100\%)}{(\text{acid sol'n, \%}) (\text{purity \%})}$$

$$3. \quad \text{Feed rate, gal / day} = \frac{\text{feed rate, lbs / day}}{\text{chemical sol'n, lbs / gal}}$$

$$4. \quad \text{Portion of F} = \frac{(\text{commercial chemical purity, \%}) (\text{Fluoride ion, \%})}{(100\%) (100\%)}$$

$$5. \quad \text{Feed rate, lbs / day} = \frac{\text{Fluoride, lbs / day}}{\text{fluoride, lbs / lb of commercial chemical}}$$

### **LABORATORY**

$$1. \quad \text{Dilute to mL} = \frac{(\text{Actual Weight, gm})(1,000 \text{ mL})}{(\text{Desired Weight, gm})}$$

$$2. \quad \text{Langelier Index (L.I.)} = \text{pH} - \text{pHs}$$

### **DISINFECTION**

$$\text{Chlorine Demand, mg/L} = \text{Chlorine Dosage, mg/L} - \text{Chlorine Residual, mg/L}$$

$$\text{Chlorine Dosage, mg/L} = \text{Chlorine Demand, mg/L} + \text{Chlorine Residual, mg/L}$$