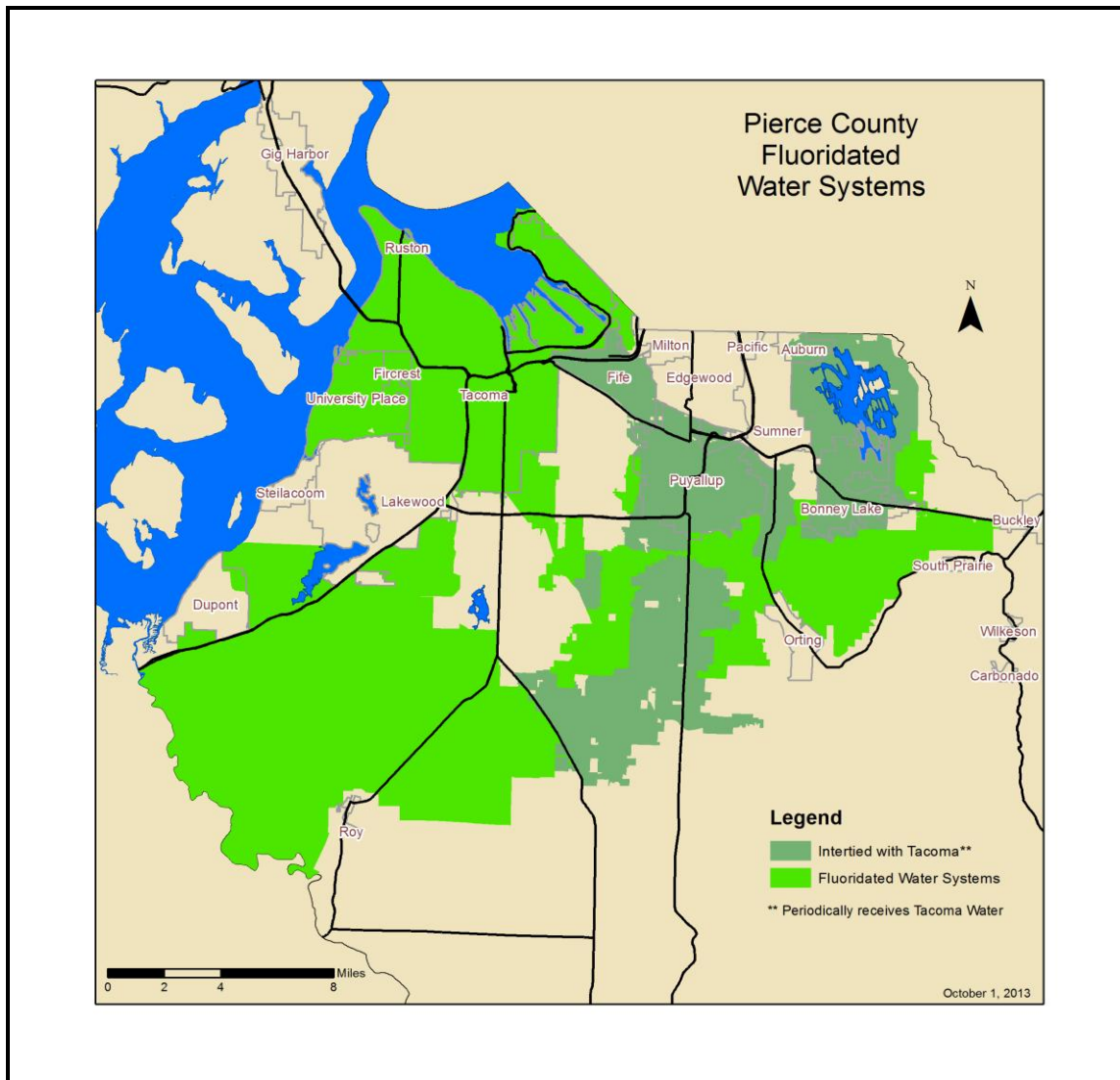


Community Water Fluoridation in Pierce County, 2013



There are five water systems within Pierce County providing community water fluoridation to approximately 44% of the population. Those water systems include: the City of Tacoma, the Town of Fircrest, the City of University Place (water supplied by Tacoma), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and the City of Fife (water supplied by Tacoma). Many water systems within Pierce County have connections with the City of Tacoma’s water mains and are supplied fluoridated water at various times of the year. Those water systems include: the City of Bonney Lake, the City of Puyallup, Sound Water System (Rainier View Water Company), Firgrove Mutual Water, and Southeast Tacoma Mutual (operated by Tacoma Water). Water customers may wish to check with their providers regarding fluoride levels. Fluoride may be present in any water system, even those that do not use fluoridation, because it is a naturally occurring element and present in most water bodies. Also, systems that receive fluoridated water through interties may not get those supplies at regularly scheduled intervals. Providers can provide more details to the public.