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There are several options available in the market when it comes to filtering your drinking water. Options include under counter water filtration systems, countertop water filtration, pitcher water filtration and faucet attachments. Below, we have compiled important information for you to consider when choosing a drinking water filter including a product by product comparison, filter contaminant reduction capabilities, installation requirements, and ongoing costs per gallon.

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A **Aquaana - AQ4000**

Good filtration technology at a great cost per gallon. Good looking product where you only have access the media every 6 months or 500 gallons, better for the environment.

Grade A

Cost	Performance
System: 129 Car. 140F 42103	
Cartridge: \$10.99 Capacity: 500 Gallons	
System: \$108.99 Contaminants: 80	

Key Contaminants Removed

- Chlorine
- Lead
- Turbidity
- Chloroform
- Mercury
- MTBE
- Organophosphorus
- Quartzite leachate
- Particulate

Other Benefits: 90-day satisfaction guarantee, 1 year warranty, 6-monthly cartridges

C+ **Everpure - H-1200**

High priced for initial and ongoing cost.

Grade C+

Cost	Performance
System: 316 Car. 140F 42103	
Cartridge: \$129.99 Capacity: 1000 Gallons	
System: \$679.99 Contaminants: 80	

Key Contaminants Removed

- Chlorine
- Lead
- Turbidity
- Chloroform
- Mercury
- MTBE
- Organophosphorus
- Quartzite leachate
- Particulate

Other Benefits: 1 year for replacement cartridges, 6 years for system warranty

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Under Counter Filters

Always available filtered water — best long-term solution for in-home water filtration

Typically the most robust and effective filtration technology — reduces about 10x more contaminants than the leading pitcher filter

Reverse Osmosis Filters

Effective at removing metals like lead, fluoride and arsenic

When combined with advanced carbon block filters, RO systems can remove over 70 contaminants — more than any other single water filtration method out there

Faucet Attach Filters

Always available filtered water from the tap

Superior filtration technology compared to gravity-based pitcher filters — uses water pressure instead of relying on gravity

Longer lasting filters compared to pitcher filters

Pitcher Filters

Widely available and easy to buy

Initial purchase price is low

Typically removes chlorine taste and odor for better tasting water

Portable — pitcher can be put in the fridge

Convenient and sophisticated — dedicated on-sink faucet for filtered water on demand; system is hidden under the counter

Typically the longest lasting filters compared to countertop or pitcher options



Under Counter Filters

Initial purchase price is typically more expensive

Installation is more involved — most require a hole to mount a dedicated faucet on your sink counter

Reverse Osmosis Filters

All RO systems produce wastewater, most waste over 50% of the water that passes through them

Will not remove chemical contamination like volatile organic chemicals (VOCs), herbicides, pesticides, and pharmaceuticals unless combined with carbon block filters

RO systems remove all dissolved solids, including naturally occurring minerals that typically make your water healthier and better tasting

Faucet Attach Filters

Most can only be attached to simple faucets — will not work with sprayer faucets, etc.

Can be bulky on sink faucet or on countertop

Pitcher Filters

Short filter life — frequent replacements necessary

Higher ongoing cost — expensive option based on cost per gallon

Gravity-based filtration is slow and inconvenient

Comparatively ineffective filtration technology compared to countertop and under counter options

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Grade A+

Aquasana - AQ-5300 Drinking Water Filter

NSF Certified to reduce 66 contaminants including over >97% of chlorine and chloramines. Long filter life lasts up to 600 gallons. Sediment pre-filter reduces clogging and extends capacity. Little maintenance. Easy installation and replacement.

Cost		Performance	
Gallon	11¢	Certified	NSF 42/53
Replacement	\$64.99	Capacity	600 gal
System	\$285.70	Contaminants	66

Key Contaminants Removed



Asbestos



Chloramines



Chlorine



Cysts



Lead



Mercury



Turbidity



VOCs

Other Benefits: 90-Day satisfaction guarantee, 1 Year warranty, Eco-friendly cartridges



Grade B-

Everpure - H-1200 Drinking Water Filter

NSF Certified to reduce 59 contaminants including 96.8% of chlorine and chloramines. Long filter life lasts up to 1,000 gallons. Little maintenance required. Very high system and replacement prices.

Cost		Performance	
Gallon	34¢	Certified	NSF 42/53
Replacement	\$339.99	Capacity	1000 gal
System	\$696.99	Contaminants	59

Key Contaminants Removed



Asbestos



Chloramines



Chlorine



Cysts



Lead



Mercury



Turbidity



VOCs

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Other Benefits: 1-year for replacement cartridges; 5-years for system warranty



Grade C+

Whirlpool - WHEMB40 Undersink Filter

NSF Certified to reduce 55 contaminants including >97% of chlorine. Short filter life lasts 350 gallons. Low initial system price, but frequent filter replacements drive up ongoing costs.

Cost		Performance	
Gallon	28¢	Certified	NSF 42/53
Replacement	\$97.00	Capacity	350 gal
System	\$197.00	Contaminants	55

Key Contaminants Removed



Asbestos



Chlorine



Lead



Turbidity



Chloramines



Cysts



Mercury



VOCs

Other Benefits:





Grade C-

3M - Aqua-Pure® AP DWS1000

NSF Certified to reduce 97.6% of chlorine as well as over 50 other contaminants. Long filter life lasts up to 625 gallons. Little maintenance require. Very high system and replacement prices.

Cost		Performance	
Gallon	32¢	Certified	NSF 42/53
Replacement	\$202.31	Capacity	625 gal
System	\$594.12	Contaminants	56

Key Contaminants Removed



Asbestos



Chloramines



Chlorine



Cysts



Lead



Mercury



Turbidity



VOCs

Other Benefits:



Grade D+

GE - GXSV65R Dual Stage Water Filter

NSF Certified to reduce 58 contaminants including 97.5% of chlorine. Short filter life lasts 160 gallons. Low initial system price, but frequent filter replacements drive up ongoing costs.

Cost		Performance	
Gallon	31¢	Certified	NSF 42/53
Replacement	\$45.99	Capacity	160 gal
System	\$129.99	Contaminants	58

Key Contaminants Removed

✓ Asbestos

✓ Chlorine

✓ Lead

✓ Turbidity

✗ Chloramines

✓ Cysts

✓ Mercury

✓ VOCs

Other Benefits: 1-year limited warranty



Grade D+

Watts Premier - 531130 UF-3 Filtration System

Not NSF Certified. WQA tested to NSF Standards to reduce 97% of chlorine and over 50 other contaminants. Short filter life lasts 150 gallons. Low initial system price and high, frequent filter replacements drive up ongoing costs.

Cost		Performance	
Gallon	53¢	Certified	WQA to NSF 42/53
Replacement	\$78.95	Capacity	150 gal
System	\$178.95	Contaminants	57

Key Contaminants Removed



Asbestos



Chloramines



Chlorine



Cysts



Lead



Mercury



Turbidity



VOCs

Other Benefits:

Please note that VOCs include: 2,4,5-TP (Silvex); 2,4-D; Alachor; Atrazine; Benzene; Bromodichloromethane; Bromoform; Carbofuran; Carbon Tetrachloride; Chlorobenzene; Chlorodibromomethane; Chloroform; Chloropicrin; dibromochloropropane(DBCP); O Dichlorobenzene; P Dichlorobenzene; 1, 2 Dichloroethane; 1,1 Dichloroethylene; cis-1,2 Dichloroethylene; trans 1,2 Dichloroethylene; Dichloropropane; Dichloropropylene; cis-1,2-dichloropropylene; Dinoseb; EDB; Endrin; Ethylbenzene; bromochloroacetonitrile; dibromoacetonitrile; dichloroacetonitrile; trichloroacetonitrile; 1,1 dichloro-2-propanone; 1,1,1 trichloro-2-propanone; Haloacetonitriles; Haloketones; Heptachlor; Heptachlor Epoxide; Hexachlorobutadiene; Hexachlorocyclopentadiene; Lindane; Methoxychlor; Pentachloropheno; Simazine; Styrene; Tetrachlorethylene; Tetrachloroethane; THMs/TTHMs; Toluene; Tribromoacetic acid; Trichlorobenzene; 1,1,1 Trichloroethane; 1,1,2; Trichloroethane; Trichloroethylene; Xylenes.

All performance claims and pricing were taken from publicly available information. If you find information that is inaccurate, please send the correct info with supporting documentation to info@waterfiltercomparisons.com, and we will address any errors. Product grading is based on the following criteria: System Price, Cost per Gallon, Contaminants Removed, System Certification, Capacity, Eco-friendly.

1. Pricing is subject to change and is accurate as of the date this chart was last updated. Cost per gallon is calculated as replacement

filter price/capacity.

2. Not all contaminants will be listed in chart

Manufacturer data last updated 10/27/2015.

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