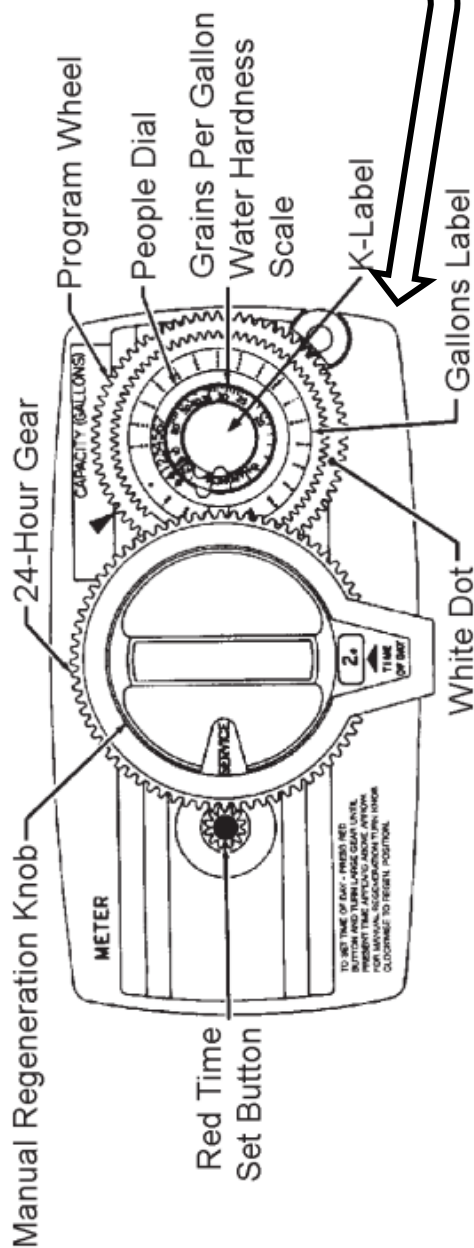


Perhaps your softener looks like this?



If so, you're probably using about 25% more salt than you need to.

Meet your **Fleck 5600 Econominder**. Invented in 1980, this amazing little workhorse was the standard for many years. It meters the water and automatically regenerates the resin after a certain number of gallons. All you have to do is set the "Grains of hardness" of your community's water and the Fleck takes care of the rest.

**For the Village of Merrimac, our water is 18 Grains**, which is similar to many (but not all) of our nearby communities:

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| Arlington (26)   | Baraboo (17-18) |
| Lodi (18-21)     | Madison (16-29) |
| Milwaukee (8)    | Portage (9)     |
| Reedsburg (7-13) | Sauk (18-20)    |

The Village of Merrimac – like many many of our neighboring communities – is trying to reduce the amount of salt we all use. That's because the "chlorides" in salt can harm the groundwater, lakes, and rivers.

Feel free to call Village Hall (493-2122). We'll drop by to show you how to adjust the Grains setting on your Fleck 5600 Econominder!

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But there's an easy fix...