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WATER QUALITY PARAMENTERS

WATER TEST	WHAT IT MEASURES	IDEAL RANGE	DANGER READING	CAUSES	REMEDIES
Chlorophyll	amount of chlorophyll pigments	2-20 μg/L	> 75 µg/L = nuisance algal bloom	nutrients	nutrient reduction strategies
Conductivity	how well the water conducts electricity	0-1000 μS/cm	a high reading indicates high dissolved- solids in sample	geologic sources, and human sources such as ag, sewage and urban runoff.	proper sewage treatment, reduce urban runoff
Dissolved Oxygen	amount of oxygen in the water	6.5-8 mg/L 80-120 % saturation	3-4 = stress < 2 = won't support life	wind, waves, running water, photo- synthesis	maintain natural water temp., limit erosion, limit human sources of organic matter
рН	How acidic or basic the water is	6.5-9	below 6.5 above 9	acid rain, industrial pollution, chemical spills	pollution control measures
Temperature	the amount of heat or thermal energy in water	varies	generally above 27°C (81°F)	thermal pollution, runoff, removal of vegetation	maintain vegetation along streams
Turbidity	clearness of the water	< 10 NTU low 50 NTU moderate >100 NTU high	increased turbidity	sediment, excessive algae growth, storms	erosion controls, reduced nutrient inputs

Each aquatic habitat is different. This chart is only a guide to assist in interpreting your data.

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