

Making Good Water Better

Custom Residential Designer Specifies Sylvan Source M-600 for New “Green” Home

The water delivered by Cincinnati Waterworks in Cincinnati, Ohio is good water. In fact, based on a recent television report by the city’s Channel 9 news team, city water straight from the tap was cleaner than water that had been run through a carbon filter system similar to the types used by many homeowners. *A lot* cleaner. However, for custom residential designer Randy Travis, principal of RLT Design, water taste was the reason that he and his wife began looking for a new type of water treatment system.

Travis designs custom residential homes and also performs a small number of renovations each year. In their own home, the Travises had used carbon-filter sink attachments to filter their water. However, as they began planning a new, “green” home, they wanted to take advantage of new water treatment technology that would deliver consistent, superior quality.

“We just did not care for the taste of Cincinnati water, especially in ice,” says Travis. “I knew that there were new, alternative systems available that offered a permanent, built-in solution. Ferguson Enterprises worked with us to identify the best system for our needs.”

Reviewing the Options

Travis did not want another carbon filter system because they had experienced rapidly declining water quality with traditional carbon filters. Reverse osmosis systems were another possibility, but they too required filter changes and did not significantly improve water quality or taste. Instead, the Ferguson team recommended the Sylvan Source M-600 ultra-clean water appliance. Using a revolutionary new approach, the M-600 eliminates the need for frequent cleaning, chemicals, filters, or membranes by integrating degassing, distillation, and demisting functions into a single system.

“We chose the Sylvan Source M-600 because of its “no-maintenance” design,” says Travis. “We don’t have to change filters or do anything to it and the system maintains consistent, superior water quality.”

Built on next-generation, patent-pending technology, the M-600 is proven to consistently reduce more contaminants more effectively than traditional filtering, reverse osmosis, or distillation technologies. It also requires only 1.5 gallons of input water to produce one gallon of treated water, compared to five to ten gallons required by reverse osmosis systems.

Installation

A plumber easily installed the M-600 unit using a standard hook-up and PVC pipes to supply water to the kitchen sink and the refrigerator’s cold-water dispenser and icemaker. Mounted on a wall in the home’s basement, Travis says that the system is also aesthetically pleasing. The kitchen faucet is NSF-62-rated, which is recommended for the M-600 system. Because Cincinnati water has medium-high mineral content, Travis had also installed a sediment filter and water softener. The water softener improves the performance of the M-600 and is required by Sylvan Source.

No More Bagged Ice

“We taste a big difference with the Sylvan Source system,” says Travis. “We no longer need to buy bottled water or bagged ice. Now when I want a drink of water in the middle of the night, I will walk down to the kitchen instead of filling my glass from the master suite sink. The taste is that much different.”

Better Taste for Everyone

Travis says that the Sylvan Source M-600 is equally at home in a renovation as it is in new construction, and he has specified the system to several clients. With growing concern about clean water across the country, clients are seeking more effective, low-maintenance alternatives to purifying their water than filtering pitchers and sink attachments.

“You get what you pay for,” he says. “With superior taste, higher purity, and no maintenance required, it is an ideal solution to a growing problem.”