

Water and Wastewater Engineering				
Common Elements, Radicals and Compounds				
Substance	Formula	Atomic or Molecular Weight (grams)	Common Valence or Electrical Charge	Equivalent Weight (grams/equivalent)
Aluminum	Al ⁺³	27	3	9
Aluminum sulfate	Al ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ * 14.3H ₂ O	600	6	100
Aluminum hydroxide	Al(OH) ₃	78	3	26
Aluminum oxide	Al ₂ O ₃	101.9	6	17
Ammonia	NH ₃	17		
Ammonium	NH ₄ ⁺¹	18	1	18
Ammonium fluosilicate	(NH ₄) ₂ SiF ₆	178	2	89
Ammonium sulfate	(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	132	2	66
Arsenic	As ⁺³	74.9	3	25
Barium	Ba ⁺²	137.3	2	68.7
Barium sulfate	BaSO ₄	233.4	2	116.7
Bicarbonate	HCO ₃ ⁻¹	61	-1	61
Bisulfate	HSO ₄ ⁻¹	97	-1	97
Bisulfite	HSO ₃ ⁻¹	81	-1	81
Boron	B ⁺³	10.8	3	3.6
Bromide	Br ⁻¹	79.9	-1	79.9
Bromine	Br ₂	159.8	2	79.9
Cadmium	Cd ⁺²	112.4	2	56.2
Calcium	Ca ⁺²	40.1	2	20
Calcium bicarbonate	Ca(HCO ₃) ₂	162	2	81
Calcium carbonate	CaCO ₃	100	2	50
Calcium chloride	CaCl ₂	111	2	55
Calcium fluoride	CaF ₂	78.1	2	39
Calcium hydroxide	Ca(OH) ₂	74.1	2	37
Calcium hypochlorite	Ca(ClO) ₂ * 2H ₂ O	179	2	89.5
Calcium oxide	CaO	56.1	2	28
Calcium phosphate	Ca ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	310.3	6	51.7
Calcium sulfate	CaSO ₄	136	2	68
Carbon	C	12	4	3
Carbonate	CO ₃ ⁻²	60	-2	30
Carbon dioxide	CO ₂	44	2	22
Chloride	Cl ⁻	35.5	-1	35.5
Chlorine	Cl ₂	71	2	35.5
Chlorine dioxide	ClO ₂	67		

Chromate	CrO ₄₋₂	116	-2	58
Chromium	Cr ₊₃	52	3	17.3
Copper	Cu ₊₂	63.5	2	31.8
Copper sulfate	CuSO ₄	160	2	80
Ferric chloride	FeCl ₃	162	3	54.1
Ferric hydroxide	Fe(OH) ₃	107	3	35.6
Ferric sulfate	Fe ₂ (SO ₄) ₃	400	6	66.7
Ferrous sulfate	FeSO ₄ * 7H ₂ O	278	2	139
Fluoride	F ₋₁	19	-1	19
Fluorine	F ₂	38	2	19
Hydrochloric acid	HCl	36.5	1	36.5
Hydrogen	H ₊₁	1	1	1
Hydroxide	OH ₋₁	17	-1	17
Hypochlorite	OCl ₋₁	51.5	-1	51.5
Iodide	I ₋₁	126.9	-1	126.9
Iodine	I ₂	253.8		
Iron (Ferrous)	Fe ₊₂	55.8	2	27.9
Iron (Ferric)	Fe ₊₃	55.8	3	18.6
Lead	Pb ₊₂	207.2	2	103.6
Magnesium	Mg ₊₂	24.3	2	12.2
Magnesium bicarbonate	Mg(HCO ₃) ₂	146.3	2	73.2
Magnesium carbonate	MgCO ₃	84.3	2	42.1
Magnesium hydroxide	Mg(OH) ₂	58.3	2	29.2
Magnesium sulfate	MgSO ₄	120.3	2	60.1
Manganese (Manganous)	Mn ₊₂	54.9	2	27.5
Manganese (Manganic)	Mn ₊₄	54.9	4	13.7
Mercury	Hg ₊₂	200.6	2	100.3
Nickel	Ni ₊₂	58.7	2	29.4
Nitrate	NO ₃₋₁	62	-1	62
Nitrite	NO ₂₋₁	46	-1	46
Nitrogen	N ₊₃	14	3	4.7
Nitrogen	N ₋₃	14	-3	4.7
Nitrogen	N ₊₅	14	5	2.8
Orthophosphate	PO ₄₋₃	95	-3	31.7
Orthophosphate (mono-hydrogen)	HPO ₄₋₂	96	-2	48
Orthophosphate (di-hydrogen)	H ₂ PO ₄₋₁	97	-1	97
Oxygen	O ₋₂	16	-2	8
Phosphate	see	orthophosphate		
Phosphorus	P ₊₅	31	5	6.2
Potassium	K ₊₁	39.1	1	39.1

Potassium iodide	KI	166	1	166
Potassium permanganate	KMnO ₄	158	1	158
Selenium	Se ⁺⁶	79	6	13.1
Silica	SiO ₂	60.1	1	60.1
Silicate	H ₃ SiO ₄	95.1	-1	95.1
Silicon	Si ⁺⁴	28.1	4	6.5
Silver	Ag ⁺¹	107.9	1	107.9
Silver chloride	AgCl	143.3	1	143.3
Silver nitrate	AgNO ₃	169.9	1	169.9
Sodium	Na ⁺¹	23	1	23
Sodium aluminate	NaAlO ₂	82	1	82
Sodium bicarbonate	NaHCO ₃	84	1	84
Sodium carbonate	Na ₂ CO ₃	106	2	53
Sodium chloride	NaCl	58.4	1	58.4
Sodium fluoride	NaF		42	
Sodium fluosilicate	Na ₂ SiF ₆	188	2	94
Sodium hydroxide	NaOH	40	1	40
Sodium hypochlorite	NaClO	74.4	1	74.4
Sodium nitrate	NaNO ₃	85	1	85
Sodium silicate	Na ₄ SiO ₄	184	4	46
Sodium sulfate	Na ₂ SO ₄	142	2	71
Sodium thiosulfate	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₃	158	2	79
Strontium	Sr ⁺²	87.6	2	43.8
Sulfate	SO ₄₋₂	96	-2	48
Sulfide	S ⁻²	32.1	-2	16
Sulfite	SO ₃₋₂	80	-2	40
Sulfur	S ⁻²	32.1	-2	16
Sulfur	S ⁺⁴	32.1	4	8
Sulfur	S ⁺⁶	32.1	6	5.3
Sulfur dioxide	SO ₂		64.1	
Sulfuric acid	H ₂ SO ₄	98.1	2	49
Water	H ₂ O		18	
Zinc	Zn ⁺²	65.4	2	32.7

Equivalent weight (combining weight) = atomic weight/ valence (molecular weight/ electrical charge)