



# 2026 NATIONAL ROCKS AND MINERALS LIST

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## MINERALS

### BORATES

Ulexite

### CARBONATES

Aragonite

Azurite

Calcite

Dolomite

Malachite

**Magnesite<sup>\*1</sup>**

Rhodochrosite\*

Siderite\*

### NATIVE ELEMENTS

Copper

Diamond

Gold

Graphite

Silver

Sulfur

### HALIDES

Fluorite

Halite<sup>4</sup>

### OXIDE/HYDROXIDES

Corundum

Goethite/Limonite

Hematite

Magnetite

Pyrolusite\*

Rutile\*

Zincite\*

### PHOSPHATES

Turquoise\*

**Apatite Group**

Fluorapatite

Pyromorphite\*

Vanadinite\*

### SULFATES

Barite

Celestite

*Gypsum<sup>4</sup> varieties:*

Alabaster (massive)

Satin Spar (fibrous)

Selenite (crystalline)

### SULFIDES

Bornite<sup>\*1</sup>

Chalcopyrite

Galena

Pyrite

Sphalerite

Stibnite\*

### SILICATES

*Amphibole Group*

Actinolite\*

Hornblende

Tremolite\*

Apophyllite\*

Beryl

**Chrysocolla\***

**Diopside\***

Epidote

*Feldspar Group*

Plagioclase feldspars

Albite

Labradorite

Potassium feldspars

Amazonite

Orthoclase/Microcline<sup>2</sup>

*Garnet Group*

Almandine

**Grossular (green)**

### SILICATES (cont)

Kaolinite

Kyanite

*Mica Group*

Biotite

Lepidolite\*

Muscovite

Olivine

**Prehnite\***

*Pyroxene Group*

Augite

Rhodonite\*

Spodumene\*

*Quartz varieties:*

Aventurine

**Agate/Chalcedony**

Amethyst

Citrine

Jasper\*

Milky Quartz

Opal

Rock Crystal

Rose Quartz

Smoky Quartz\*

**Tiger's Eye\***

Sodalite

Staurolite

Stilbite\*

Talc

Topaz

**Tourmaline<sup>3</sup>**

Willemite\*

**Wollastonite\***

Zircon\*



## ROCKS

### IGNEOUS

Andesite  
Basalt  
Diorite  
Gabbro  
Granite  
Obsidian  
Pegmatite  
Peridotite  
Pumice  
Rhyolite  
Scoria  
Syenite\*<sup>1</sup>  
Tuff\*<sup>1</sup>  
**Tuff Breccia\***

### SEDIMENTARY

Banded Iron Formation  
Bauxite<sup>4</sup>  
Breccia  
Chert/Flint  
Conglomerate  
Diatomite\*<sup>1</sup>  
Dolostone  
Rock Salt (Halite)<sup>5</sup>  
Rock Gypsum<sup>5</sup>  
Shale  
**Siltstone\*<sup>1</sup>**

*Coal varieties:*

Anthracite  
Bituminous  
Lignite

*Limestone varieties:*

Chalk  
Coquina  
Fossil Limestone  
Oolitic Limestone  
Travertine

*Sandstone varieties:*

Arkose  
Greywacke\*  
Quartz Sandstone

### METAMORPHIC

Amphibolite\*  
Gneiss  
Marble  
Phyllite  
Quartzite  
*Schist Varieties:*  
Garnet Schist  
Mica Schist  
Talc Schist (Soapstone)\*  
Serpentinite\*  
Slate

\*Specimens marked with an asterisk (\*) are for State and National Tournaments

1. For identification purposes, information will be provided such as diagnostic properties, chemical formulas, grain size, or composition.
2. The pink/tan variety of feldspar should be identified as Orthoclase/Microcline or Potassium feldspar.
3. Although Tourmaline is the generic name for a group of related mineral species, for identification purposes, tourmaline will be accepted.
4. Bauxite has been reclassified as a sedimentary rock.
5. Rock Salt and Rock Gypsum for identification purposes are considered the same, respectively, as the minerals Halite and Gypsum and do not need to be distinguished