

GCWA Announces Annual Change to Water Disinfection

As part of annual, routine system maintenance, the Gulf Coast Water Authority (GCWA) will temporarily change its water disinfection process from a combination of chlorine and ammonia (chloramine) to chlorine only.

This annual routine maintenance practice allows GCWA and the communities it serves the opportunity to flush their water systems to prevent taste and odor problems that can occur during summer months.

WHAT IF MY WATER SMELLS OR LOOKS FUNNY?

Water users may notice some water discoloration, cloudiness or chlorine smell during the disinfection period. These conditions are harmless and temporary. The chlorine maintenance process has not been linked to any adverse health effects.

Owners of fish and reptiles should follow standard water treatments using products that remove both chlorine and chloramine from the water.

Dialysis centers will continue to treat the water to remove all chemical disinfectants, including chlorine and chloramine, before the water is used for dialysis. Home dialysis users should consult their machine manufacturers for instructions on how to properly treat their water before use.

SPECIAL NOTE

CONCERNS? Contact your local municipality or water district. As part of the disinfection process, municipalities and water districts will flush their systems by opening fire hydrants, which should remedy any issues.

WHEN: April 12-26, 2021

WHO: All Galveston County communities except League City, Friendswood, and Bolivar

Water users can contact their local municipality or water district for questions about the water system disinfection.

ABOUT GULF COAST WATER

AUTHORITY: GCWA is a special water district that provides water for industry, agriculture and municipalities in Brazoria, Fort Bend and Galveston counties.

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