



PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF PALM BAY FREE CHLORINE CONVERSION
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 25, 2023

To ensure that the City of Palm Bay's drinking water remains safe and compliant with all State and Federal water quality requirements, the city is obligated to implement preventative measures that are safe and approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). To achieve these goals, the City of Palm Bay Utilities Department will temporarily switch to using free chlorine in its drinking water beginning on April 5, 2023, and ending on April 25, 2023.

The city normally uses chloramines to disinfect the water, and periodically changing to free chlorine disinfection provides additional protection against microorganism contamination and helps ensure the water you receive remains safe. At the end of the free chlorine conversion, the standard chemicals used for disinfection will be reintroduced into the system and we will resume normal disinfection operations.

While the city is performing the free chlorine conversion, customers may notice a slight change in taste or a chlorine odor in the tap water. This temporary change will not affect the safety of your drinking water.

Special Precautions. During this period of time, customers with special considerations should be aware of potential problems with their equipment and systems (i.e. kidney dialysis machines). Customers with inline filters are encouraged to contact their equipment manufacturer for any necessary precautions. Additionally, owners of fish aquariums and fish/shellfish holding tanks (restaurants and stores) should be aware that this temporary change in disinfection may be harmful to aquatic life if not properly monitored and addressed. We strongly advise you seek professional advice since the methods of removing free chlorine residuals are different than removing chloramine residuals from tap water.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

The Palm Bay Utilities Department is committed to providing quality drinking water to our customers. For more information regarding this temporary change in our water treatment process, please visit our website at www.PBUD.org, call us at 321-952-3410, or email us at water@pbfl.org.