



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pompano Beach

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Free Chlorination Water Line Maintenance February 13th through March 13th

As part of our efforts to ensure that the drinking water we supply is the highest quality possible, the City of Pompano Beach Utilities Department will begin a free chlorination treatment of its entire distribution system on Monday, February 13th. This treatment will be in effect for approximately four weeks until Monday, March 13th. This free chlorination treatment is a common maintenance practice used by utilities. The City of Pompano Beach free chlorinates the distribution system periodically.

During the free chlorination process, the disinfection portion of the water treatment process will change from using chloramines (a combination of ammonia and chlorine) to using free chlorine. Due to these changes, residents may experience a slight change in both the taste and smell of the water. The water will remain safe to drink, to use for cooking, to bathe in, and for other everyday uses. Many water providers in the United States still use free chlorine disinfection as the normal water disinfection process. After this chlorine treatment is completed, the city will return to its normal method of disinfection using chloramines.

This change in the disinfection process will be performed in compliance with all applicable Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Broward County Health Department regulations. Persons currently undergoing dialysis or with a compromised immune system should consult their health care provider prior to this disinfection process change to determine whether this change will affect their treatment. In addition, anyone who has a fish tank or pond, including grocery stores and restaurants with lobster tanks and fish containers at bait shops, that uses city water should contact a pet or aquarium professional to determine the need for any adjustments to their aquarium treatment procedures during this chlorine treatment change.

During this period the Utilities Department will also be flushing fire hydrants throughout the city. There may be periods of discolored water that will be temporary. Let your faucets run until the water clears up.

The City's primary focus is the quality of water that we provide to our customers. This chlorine treatment is being performed as a routine maintenance measure.

If you have any questions about the City's Free Chlorination Water Line Maintenance call 954-786-4637.