



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pompano Beach

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Free Chlorination Notification March 30th through April 27th

As part of our efforts to ensure that the drinking water we supply is of the highest quality possible, the City of Pompano Beach Utilities Department will begin a free chlorination treatment of its entire distribution system on Monday, March 30th. This treatment will be in effect for four weeks, until Monday, April 27th. Free chlorination treatment is a common maintenance practice used by utilities, and the City of Pompano Beach free chlorinates the distribution system periodically.

During the free chlorination process, the disinfection portion of our water treatment process will change from using chloramines (a combination of ammonia and chlorine) to using free chlorine. Due to these changes, residents may notice a slight difference in 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 chlorination as the normal water disinfection process. After this chlorine treatment is completed, the City will return to its normal method of disinfection using chloramines.

Persons currently undergoing dialysis or with a compromised immune system should consult their healthcare provider prior to this change in disinfection process to determine whether this will affect their treatment. In addition, persons with 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 treatment procedures during this chlorine treatment .

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. We advise that you 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, please contact the Utilities Billing Division Customer Service for assistance during normal business hours at 954-786-4637.