Information Regarding Your Drinking Water

City of Drayton

Switch from Chloramine to Free Chlorine

On July 17, 2024, the City of Drayton will be changing the source of your drinking water. This change in source water is being made due to the closure of the City of Drayton water treatment plant.

Chloramines are used as the disinfectant in the current drinking water source/supply. Chlorine is used as the disinfectant in the new water source. **After July 17, 2024, chlorine will be the disinfectant used in the water supplied to you.**  Chlorine levels in the water will still provide protection from waterborne disease.

Individuals and business owners who take special precautions to remove chloramine from tap water, such as dialysis centers, medical facilities, and aquatic pet owners, should continue to take the same precautions during and after the switch to chlorine. Most methods for removing chloramine from tap water are effective in removing chlorine. Individuals with special health concerns should consult a healthcare provider on the use of tap water. However, the change to chlorine can cause problems to persons dependent on dialysis machines. A condition known as hemolytic anemia can occur if the disinfectant is not completely removed from the water that is used for the dialysis. Consequently, the pretreatment scheme used for dialysis units must include some means, such as charcoal filter, for removing the chloramines/chlorine prior to this date. Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment.

In addition, chlorinated water may be toxic to fish. If you have a fish tank, please make sure that the chemicals or filters you are using are designed for use in water that has been treated with chlorine. You may also need to change the type of filter that you use for your fish tank.

The City of Drayton will be conducting required monitoring to determine lead exposure and water quality parameters after the switch to the new water source. We will keep you informed of any further developments.

For further information please contact the City of Drayton at (701) 454-3590

Date of Notice: July 16, 2024