



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WATER CUSTOMERS

ANNUAL TEMPORARY CONVERSION TO FREE CHLORINE – WILL BEGIN JULY 28, 2020 AND CONTINUE THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2020.

Our annual temporary conversion from chloramines to free chlorine is a proactive measure that prevents bacterial growth in the water mains and keeps the water safe for potable uses. The maintenance program, which is a normal procedure for water systems, is supported by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and will include daily testing to monitor water quality and measure the effectiveness of the program. After this process is completed, the City of Margate's Department of Engineering and Environmental Services (DEES) will return to disinfection using chloramines.

Customers on dialysis who use a proportioning machine to prepare dialysate are advised to contact their physician to obtain the appropriate steps to accommodate the change in water disinfection. Customers who have fish tanks or aquatic species are advised to contact a professional aquarist to avoid any problems associated with chlorine.

From July 28th through August 18th, the City will disinfect the water with free chlorine rather than combined chlorine/ammonia (chloramines). During this period, customers may experience a slight increase in the taste and odor of chlorine; but these temporary conditions should not cause adverse health effects.

Fire hydrant flushing activities during the event may cause cloudy, discolored water. But this condition would be temporary, and should clear within a few hours. We regret any inconvenience you may experience during this period.

If you pay water bills for a condominium or rental property, (residential and commercial), please notify your residents and/or tenants accordingly. To obtain additional flyers free of charge, or if you need more information about this temporary change in treatment process, please contact the City of Margate, Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES), at (954) 972-0828.

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