

Information Regarding Your Drinking Water

Upper Souris Water District

Temporary Switch from Chloramines to Free Chlorine

On November 7, 2022, Upper Souris Water District will temporarily change its disinfectant from chloramines to chlorine. Switching to chlorine will help clean the distribution system, alleviate smelly water issues, and generally improve water quality. Taking these measures is a common practice for many water systems that use chloramines, which tend to be a weaker, but safer, form of disinfectant.

Please note that chlorine levels in the water will still provide protection from waterborne disease, and that orthophosphate, a corrosion control inhibitor, will continue to be added to prevent lead and copper release from household plumbing.

Individuals and business owners who take special precautions to remove chloramines from tap water, such as dialysis centers, medical facilities and aquatic pet owners, should continue to take the same precautions during the switch to chlorine. Most methods for removing chloramines from tap water are effective in removing chlorine.

Individuals with special health concerns should consult a healthcare provider on the use of chlorinated water. For example, chlorine must be completely removed from water used for dialysis. Chlorinated water can cause a condition known as hemolytic anemia in dialysis patients. Consequently, the pretreatment scheme used for dialysis units must include some means, such as charcoal filter, for removing chlorine prior to this date. Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment.

In addition, chlorinated water is toxic to fish. You may need to change the type of filter you use for your fish tank. Be sure the chemicals or filters you use are designed for chlorinated water.

Please share this information with everyone who consumes this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly, such as residents in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses. Post this notice in a public place or distribute copies by hand or mail.

For further information please contact Upper Souris Water District at 701.385.4093.

PLEASE NOTE: This does NOT include NAWS water customers.

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