



"City of the Cedars"

CITY OF LEBANON

Customer Notice – Temporary Change in Drinking Water Disinfection

The City of Lebanon is required to comply with drinking water standards set forth by the USEPA, similar to other water systems in the nation. In order to comply with these regulations and maintain satisfactory water quality to its customers, the City of Lebanon must make periodic modifications to its water treatment process. These periodic modifications have been approved by EPA and are not considered to be unusual in modern water system practice. The City of Lebanon will begin temporarily changing the type of disinfection used in the water on 8/17/23. Instead of combining the chlorine with ammonia, the City of Lebanon will be adding chlorine only. The change in disinfectant will continue for approximately 6-8 weeks. Then the process will be reversed to utilize a predominantly monochloramine disinfectant instead of free chlorine residual. The safety of the water will not be affected by this temporary change. Many water plants use chlorine in the free, uncombined form on a regular basis. Chlorine levels will continue to meet EPA's safety standards.

Will I notice changes in the taste or smell of water? During the temporary switch, you may notice a stronger chlorine taste and smell in your drinking water. The taste and odor are not a health risk.

What can I do if I notice a chlorine taste or smell?

- Flush cold water tap for 2 minutes. Run it for 5 to 10 minutes when water is not used for several hours.
- Refrigerate cold tap water in an open pitcher. Within a few hours, the chlorine taste and odor will disappear.

Who should take precautions during this temporary switch?

Dialysis patients and renal care facilities should be aware of these changes and adjust their health care practices accordingly. For questions, please contact your physician or kidney dialysis center. In addition, owners of residential fish aquariums should review their water treatment systems and make modifications if any are needed.

Can children and pregnant women drink the water?

Yes. They can use water for all purposes.

Whom do I call for answers to questions?

If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact Penny Zimmerman, City of Lebanon at (618) 537-4976

