

Free Chlorination Fact Sheet

What is Free Chlorination?

Free chlorination is a **temporary** process that distributes free chlorine in place of combined chlorine (chloramines) throughout the water distribution system as part of the annual distribution system maintenance. Free chlorination is a common practice used by water produces using the chloramines treatment method. It is typically performed once or twice per year over a two to four week time period.

The following information may be helpful for answering the most frequently asked questions regarding the free chlorination of the water distribution system

Is it safe to drink and use tap water?

No adverse health effects are expected as a result of Free Chlorination. The Town of Davie is committed in providing safe drinking water for its customers.



Why is the hydrant on my street flowing?

Flushing fire hydrant is a routine part of the free chlorination process. This will occur in various parts of the Town in order to distribute free chlorinated water into all parts of the water distribution system. As a result, increased flushing may be observed during this time.

Will I notice a change in my water?

Some people may notice a change in the taste or odor during this time but adverse health effects are not expected. Some aquatic and marine animal species are sensitive to free chlorine. Persons maintaining aquariums with any sensitive species are encourage to contact their pet supply stores regarding dechlorinating the water. Any questions regarding kidney dialysis should be directed to the customer's doctor or dialysis specialist.



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