

Notice of change of Disinfectants in City of Gorman's Water System

Public water systems are required to properly disinfect their water and maintain an adequate disinfectant residual in the distribution system. Chloramine, free chlorine combined with ammonia, is widely used as a disinfectant in water distribution systems because it provides more lasting and stable protective disinfection residual while also limiting the formation of disinfection by-product contaminants. Water distribution system maintenance practices can include periodically returning to free chlorine in the water distribution system partnered with increased water main flushing to clean the distribution system.

The City of Gorman in cooperation with the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District, temporarily converted the disinfectant used in the water distribution system from chloramine to free chlorine during the month of October 2023. The conversion from free chlorine back to chloramines is expected to begin sometime in November 2023. During the first two to three weeks after the conversion to free chlorine and again after the conversion back to chloramines you can expect to see water utility crews flushing the City's water mains more and may see short periods of discolored water at your tap during the periods of increased water main flushing. If you do see discolored water at your tap then open your faucet and flush for several minutes to help pass discolored water from the system. Throughout this distribution system maintenance period and during the increased flushing period your water remains safe to drink.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Joe Williams or Jeff Young at 254-734-2317.