

Stockton Water

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CHLORAMINE CONVERSION PROJECT

CHANGING THE WAY WE DISINFECT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Health Related Questions

Over the winter season, the City of Stockton Water Utility begin using chloramines in its North Stockton Water Service Area; this will change the way our drinking water is disinfected. Customers affected by the change include those located in the City of Stockton North Water Service Area and County Areas served by the City. City of Stockton water customers located in the South Water Service Area and Cal Water customers are not affected. This information is provided to help you understand if and how your drinking water is affected, including how kidney dialysis patients are affected.

Are Chloramines Safe? The USEPA considers chloramines a safe, effective treatment method of reducing the potential health risk from regulated disinfection byproducts.

Can I Drink and Cook with Chloramine Treated Water? Yes. Chloramine treated water will meet or surpass all local, state and federal guidelines for drinking water quality. You can safely drink the water, cook with it and bathe in it.

What Precautions Must Kidney Dialysis Providers Take? Kidney dialysis patients can safely drink, cook and bathe in water disinfected with chloramines. The digestive process neutralizes chloramines before they enter the bloodstream. But, like chlorine, chloramines must be removed from water to be used in kidney dialysis machines. The City will be working with local hospitals and dialysis treatment centers to educate them about this change. If you are a dialysis patient or have questions, call your physician or the dialysis center nearest you.

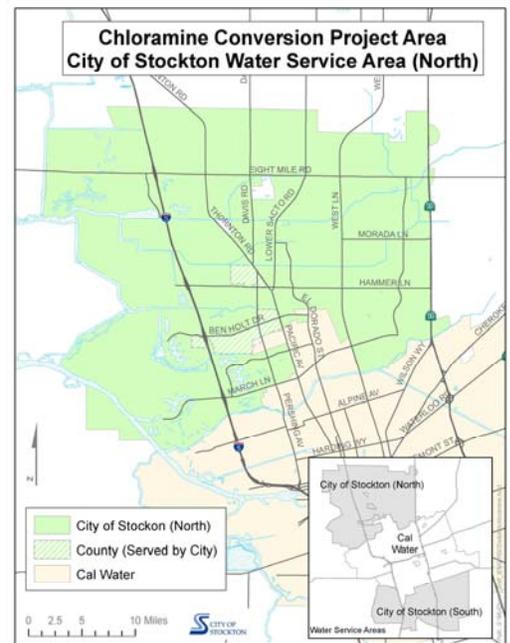


Is it Safe to Wash an Open Wound with Chloramine Treated Water? Yes. When cleaning an open wound, virtually no water can enter the bloodstream.

I've Heard that Some People Have Experienced Rashes or Breathing Problems. Are Chloramines to Blame? In recent years, a small percentage of

consumers have expressed concern over health symptoms they believe are connected to chloramines. While the actual causes of the reported symptoms are undetermined, it is possible that some individuals may be sensitive to chloramines, just as some individuals are sensitive to chlorine. The City of Stockton will use accurate and reliable equipment to ensure chloramines in our system meet all regulatory limits. If you experience symptoms believed to be connected to chloramines, please contact your physician.

Will Chloraminated Water Interact with My Medications? There are no known interactions between chloramine treated water and any kind of medication. People on medication should not experience any reactions caused by drinking chloramine treated water. If you have a specific concern, please contact your physician.



Other Questions?

The City of Stockton has developed three separate FAQ (Frequently Asked Question) documents specific to the following areas:

- **General Questions and Answers** (Including General Information About Chloramines)
- **General Household Questions** (Including Information About Swimming Pools and Home Filtration Systems)
- **Pets, Aquatic Life, Environmental Questions** (Including Information About Domestic Pets)

These documents may be obtained by visiting the City of Stockton's website at www.stocktonca.gov/mud.