



Refreshing Tulsa Water

To make sure Tulsans continue receiving the highest quality water that complies with new federal safety rules, the City of Tulsa will begin treating the water with chloramine in addition to chlorine in July.

What's chloramine? It's a common disinfectant used by municipal water suppliers for more than 90 years, including Oklahoma City, Sand Springs, Norman and Dallas.

- Chloramine is a combination of chlorine and a half-part per million of ammonia.
- Nearly half of the city water systems in the South and Southwest use chloramine, and more cities nationwide are making the switch.

Why make the change? Like many U.S. cities, Tulsa must meet the requirements of the EPA's new Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Rule. Chloramine will reduce the concentration of regulated disinfection byproducts while ensuring the water remains safe as it travels from Tulsa's treatment plants to residents' taps. Chlorine will still be used at the plants as the primary disinfectant.

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Keeping Your Water Safe

Millions of residents in cities across the country use chloraminated water every day for bathing, drinking and cooking. After years of research into treatment options, City water engineers selected chloramine to ensure Tulsa meets the new EPA standard.

Two groups of users will especially need to be aware of this change in Tulsa's water:

KIDNEY DIALYSIS PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS

- Chloramine, like chlorine, must be removed from the water before it's used in the dialysis process.
- All of the kidney dialysis treatment facilities in the City of Tulsa have been contacted and are prepared for the upcoming disinfectant change.
- Dialysis patients can use Tulsa's water for everyday uses like bathing, drinking and cooking.

FISH OWNERS

- Chloramine, like chlorine, must be removed from water before it is added to aquariums or fish ponds.
- There are many products commercially available that will remove the chlorine and ammonia from water to be used in an aquarium or pond.



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