



## **CITY OF VERO BEACH WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WATER CUSTOMERS**

**Beginning June 8th, 2021 and continuing through June 28th, 2021, the City of Vero Beach Water Treatment Plant, as part of its annual maintenance activities, will temporarily change its method of disinfection.** Chloramines, which are chlorine mixed with ammonia, are normally used. During this temporary change, free chlorine – without ammonia – will be used. At the end of the program, the treatment plant will switch back to using chloramines.

Customers may notice an unusual chlorine taste or odor in their tap water during this period. These temporary conditions will not cause adverse health effects. Your water will remain safe for drinking and other normal uses. Free chlorine provides a somewhat stronger disinfection process than chloramines. Changing to free chlorine periodically provides additional protection against bacteria and helps ensure that the water you receive remains safe and free of bacteria.

Customers who use kidney dialysis machines should be aware that their water may contain chlorine, ammonia, or a mixture of the two during this period. Other specialized users of water such as tropical fish owners, businesses, hospitals, and blood/dialysis clinics, may need to make adjustments in their operations in order to continue to maintain their present water quality parameters.

If you experience an unusual chlorine taste during this period there is no need to boil your water, purchase a water filter, or purchase bottled water. You can draw a container of tap water, place it in your refrigerator and allow it to set a few hours. This will allow much of the chlorine to leave the water.

The Water Treatment Plant will resume adding ammonia to the chlorination process on **June 29th, 2021**.

Please call the City of Vero Beach Water and Sewer Department at (772) 978-5220 if you need further information on this temporary change in the treatment process.