



# CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE TO WATER SYSTEM CUSTOMERS**

To ensure that the City of Delray Beach's drinking water remains safe and in compliance with all regulatory water quality requirements, the city will begin enhanced disinfection of water distribution lines on Dec. 2, 2019. Enhanced disinfection will continue through Jan. 10, 2020.

Free chlorine is used as the primary disinfectant during this preventive maintenance activity. Water customers may notice an increased chlorine odor and/or taste in their tap water. This is a normal occurrence and will cause no adverse health effects.

During this time period, customers with special needs (i.e. dialysis) should be aware of potential problems with their equipment and systems. Owners of tropical fish aquariums and holding tanks for fish and shellfish should be aware that this temporary change in our disinfection process may be harmful to aquatic life if not properly addressed. Customers are advised to seek professional advice regarding the method of removing free chlorine residuals. Any such side effects will start to diminish when the City reverts to the normal disinfection method on Friday, Jan. 10, 2020. Users are encouraged to contact an appropriate professional for guidance on how to use their equipment during this period.

During the enhanced disinfection period the city will flush fire hydrants. If you notice flushing activities in your immediate area, please refrain from using laundry machines until activities have ceased; such rapid flushing activities may temporarily suspend particulates that can yellow laundry.

For additional information, please contact the Water/Sewer Network Division at (561) 243-7312 between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, or visit the City's website at [delraybeachfl.gov](http://delraybeachfl.gov), or *Twitter*:

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