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TEMPORARY CHANGE TO WATER DISINFECTION PROCESS

Englewood, FL – From April 22 through May 6, 2025, the Englewood Water District will implement a temporary change to its potable (drinking) water disinfection process. During this period, free chlorine will be used as the primary disinfectant, replacing the usual combination of chlorine and ammonia (chloramines). This standard procedure, known as a free chlorine conversion, is recommended by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to ensure the continued maintenance of water quality throughout the distribution system. EWD's last free chlorine conversion occurred in 2023.

Key Information for Customers:

- Water supplied by the Englewood Water District **will remain safe for consumption** during this process. Boiling water is **not** required.
- Customers may experience a temporary change in the taste or odor of the water.
- There may be discoloration of laundry. If customers notice cloudy or discolored water entering their plumbing, they should flush their system by running a faucet for several minutes or until the water runs clear.
- For guidance on preventing waterborne germs, customers can visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/drinking-water/prevention/preventing-waterborne-germs-at-home.html>.

Additional Considerations:

- Customers receiving kidney dialysis who utilize a proportioning machine to prepare dialysate at home are advised to contact their physician or equipment supplier for detailed instructions on adapting to the changes in water disinfection procedures and to ensure the proper installation of the required filtering devices.
- Customers utilizing the water for aquarium purposes should closely monitor chlorine levels and adhere to the recommendations of a qualified aquarist. Proper pretreatment of the water is crucial prior to adding or changing it in the tank to mitigate any potential issues associated with chlorine.

To support the free chlorine's efficient circulation, the EWD will conduct a flushing of the water distribution system.