

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES TO INSTITUTE TEMPORARY CHANGE IN ITS DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PROCESS

Bloomington, IN —City of Bloomington Utilities will temporarily return to using free chlorine in its drinking water system starting Monday, February 8, and continuing through Monday, February 22. The procedure, known as “free chlorination,” is a common maintenance practice for water systems using combined chlorine disinfection or chloramines.

“While we anticipate the free chlorination period to be transparent to most of our customers, some residents may detect the scent and taste of chlorine in their tap water,” said CBU Water Quality Coordinator Rachel Atz. “This is a normal occurrence with no cause for concern. The public drinking water supply will, of course, be safe for consumption and will continue to meet all state and federal safe drinking water standards during this period of time.”

Atz said the temporary change in water chemistry involves adding the same level of disinfectant to the community’s water supply system, only in a slightly different composition.

Atz said any resident noticing their water has a chlorine taste during this period, may be able to reduce it by refrigerating a pitcher of drinking water overnight. She adds any changes in water color or appearance should be brief and recommends simply running the cold water from the faucet until the water is clear.

This “free chlorination” procedure will impact water customers of City of Bloomington Utilities, Ellettsville Utilities, Nashville Utilities, Van Buren Water Incorporated, Washington Township Water Corporation, East Monroe Water Corporation, Southern Monroe Water Corporation, R.H.S Corporation, B&B Water Project Incorporated, Shady Side Water Corporation, and Ramp Creek Water Corporation.

Anyone with questions about the “free chlorination” procedure is urged to contact the CBU Water Quality Office at 812.349.3655.