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Examples of Aquatic Life Affected:

- Fish
- Lobster
- Shrimp
- Frogs
- Turtles
- Snails
- Clams
- Live Coral

If you are unsure about any aquatic pets, please consult your local pet store.

In an ongoing effort to comply with ever more stringent regulations, the water supplied by the City of Stockton will soon be treated with chloramines beginning this winter.

With this change, customers in the City's North Distribution System will continue to receive drinking water that meets or surpasses stringent standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency



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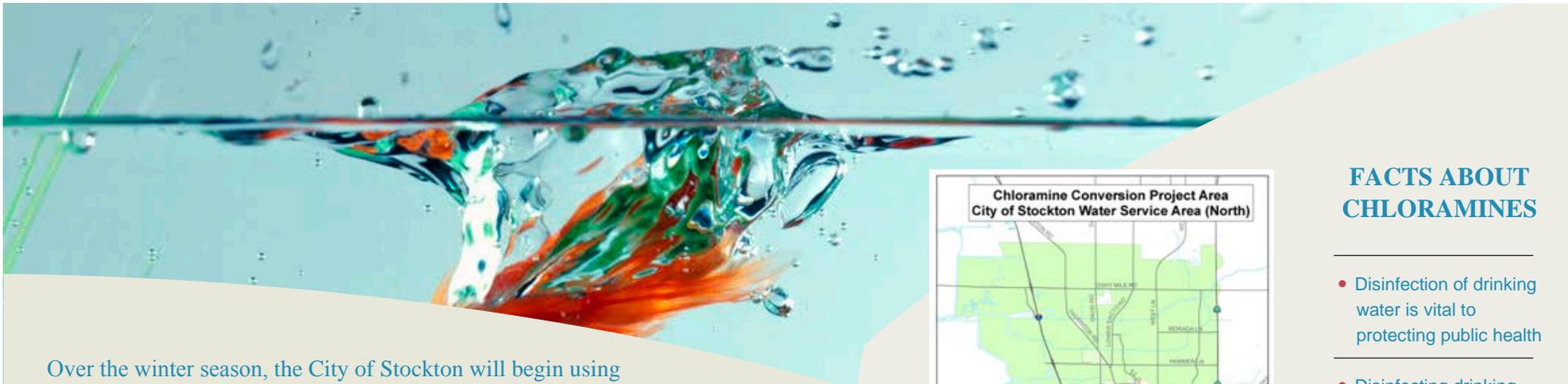
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There's Nothing Fishy About Chloramines...

Special Information for Pet Stores, Pond and Aquarium Owners



Over the winter season, the City of Stockton will begin using chloramines as its residual disinfectant in drinking water in its North Distribution System. This change is being made to ensure compliance with federal regulations of two groups of disinfection byproducts.

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR AQUARIUM AND POND OWNERS?

Chloramines, like chlorine, must be removed from water used for keeping live fish, amphibians and other aquatic life. At levels used to disinfect drinking water, chloramine is harmful to fish and amphibians when it directly enters the blood stream from water that passes through their gills.

Chloramine must be removed from water used for both freshwater and saltwater life, including fish, lobster, shrimp, frogs, turtles, snails, clams and live coral.

WHAT TYPES OF AQUATIC LIFE ARE AFFECTED BY CHLORAMINES?

Chloramines must be removed from tap water used for fish, lobster, shrimp, frogs, turtles, snails, clams and live coral.

Consult a local pet store or veterinarian if you are unsure about your pet and chloramines.

HOW CAN I REMOVE CHLORAMINE FROM MY WATER?

Commercially available water conditioning agents and activated carbon filters designed to remove chloramines must be used according to product instructions.

These products are readily available at pet supply stores and aquarium dealers. Chlorine removal agents that are not specifically designed to also remove chloramines could leave excess ammonia in the water.

WON'T LETTING WATER SIT FOR A FEW DAYS REMOVE CHLORAMINE FROM TANKS OR POND WATER?

No. Unlike chlorine, which dissipates when water sits for a few days, chloramines are longer lasting and may take weeks to dissipate. This is not an effective method for removing chloramines.



FACTS ABOUT CHLORAMINES

- Disinfection of drinking water is vital to protecting public health
- Disinfecting drinking water has made once-common diseases a thing of the past
- More than 1 in 5 Americans use drinking water treated with chloramines
- Chloramines are safe for drinking, cooking and all typical uses
- Chloraminated water is safe for dogs, cats, birds and other animals to drink
- Chloramines **MUST** be removed from water used when keeping pets like fish and some amphibians.