



Public Notice

North Springs Improvement District Water System Free Chlorine Burn Maintenance Program begins Monday, July 16, 2018

To ensure that the North Springs Improvement District drinking water remains safe and compliant with all State and Federal water quality requirements, the District is required to implement preventive measures that are safe and approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). As a result, NSID is preparing to begin its **annual water distribution line enhanced disinfection program** on **Monday, July 16, 2018**, which will continue through **Monday, July 30, 2018**.

The District's routine maintenance program will include utilizing free chlorine as the primary disinfectant. During this preventative maintenance activity, water consumers may notice a slight change in taste or chlorine odor in their tap water. This is a normal occurrence and will cause no adverse health effects.

During this time period, **customers with special needs** should be aware of potential problems with their equipment and systems (e.g. kidney dialysis machines). In addition, owners of tropical fish **aquariums** and holding tanks for fish and shellfish (i.e. stores and restaurants) should be aware that this temporary change in our disinfection process may be harmful to aquatic life if not properly addressed, and are advised to seek professional advice as the method of removing free chlorine residuals differs from removing chloramine residuals from tap water. Customer with **inline filters** may want to contact the equipment manufacturer for any precautions. Any such side effects will start to diminish when NSID reverts to the normal disinfection method on **Tuesday July 31, 2018**. Users are encouraged to contact an appropriate professional for guidance on how to use their equipment during this period.

The District will also flush fire hydrants during this period as part of the enhanced disinfection procedure. Customers may notice flowing water in streets and swales, localized lower water pressures and a slight discoloration of their tap water. This is a safe and normal occurrence during this process and will cause no adverse health effects. 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.

Please be assured that this is a routine preventative maintenance procedure. The District's public drinking water remains safe and compliant with all State and Federal requirements for primary water quality. If you would like additional information, please contact NSID at (954) 752-0400 between 7:00am and 3:00pm – Monday through Friday. Thank you.