



MARTIN COUNTY

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SEMI-ANNUAL FREE CHLORINE MAINTENANCE

Martin County Utilities, City of Stuart and South Martin Regional Utility (SMRU) will temporarily change the method of chlorinating potable water to insure the future safety of the water. The Utility water users may notice an unusual chlorine taste or odor in their tap water during the period of January 5, 2020 – January 19, 2020.

This is a standard operating procedure that is recommended by the American Water Works Association and other leaders within the water industry. This event is a preventive maintenance process for safe drinking water. Normally our disinfection process consists of chlorine and ammonia to form a combined disinfectant, but by turning off the ammonia feed and increasing the free chlorine amount allows us to maintain a stronger and uniform disinfection method throughout the water distribution system.

These temporary conditions will not be harmful to your health; however, if you are on kidney dialysis, you should consult your physician for special instructions concerning this matter. If you have tropical fish or aquatic animals, you should contact your local tropical fish store for advice and take appropriate action to ensure that you have properly treated the water before adding it your aquarium.

The hydrant flushing during this period may cause the water to become cloudy and discolored. This is a temporary condition and should not last more than a few hours.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience you may experience during this time. Please keep in mind that this is necessary to provide safe water for our customers.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

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