

SUNSHINE LINES

Beautiful News From Bay to Beach

APRIL 2022

TEMPORARY CHANGES IN OUR WATER TREATMENT PROCESS

May 15 to June 4, 2022

Each year, Pinellas County's drinking water distribution system temporarily switches its water treatment method from chloramines to chlorine. Clearwater customers are affected because the city buys some of its water from Pinellas County.

People who are sensitive to chlorine may notice a stronger smell or taste during this temporary change in our water disinfecting process.

Users of kidney dialysis machines and owners of aquatic life should contact their respective service providers for additional guidance.

Why are you changing how you treat our drinking water?

Chloramines are commonly used for drinking water disinfection. As part of a program to clean water pipes, twice a year disinfection switches to chlorine for the City of Clearwater customers. This is a common water treatment practice for water systems that normally use chloramine throughout the year.

What are drinking water disinfectants?

Chlorine and chloramines are common disinfectants used to remove microbial contaminants, such as bacteria and viruses. Disinfection occurs during the drinking water treatment process.

These simple steps may minimize chlorine odor or taste.

- Run the tap for a few minutes before using.
- Fill a pitcher of water and let it sit for several hours to allow any residual chlorine to dissipate.
- Consider installing a carbon filter on kitchen/bathroom faucets or shower heads or replacing existing filters with new ones.

Your water is safe to drink and meets all federal and state drinking water standards. Call Clearwater Public Utilities at (727) 562-4960 with questions.

CLEARWATER WELCOMES NEW COUNCILMEMBER(S)

Clearwater welcomes new/re-elected city councilmembers Lina Teixeira and David Allbritton, who both were elected to the Clearwater City Council March 15 and have been sworn into their roles. Councilmember David Allbritton was elected/re-elected to fill City Council Seat 4, and Councilmember Lina Teixeira was elected to fill City Council Seat 5. Both councilmembers serve at large and represent all Clearwater residents.



SHRED-A-THON & OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Police officers and solid waste workers will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30 at Countryside Mall, 27001 U.S. 19 N., to collect and shred any paperwork that Clearwater residents no longer need. Clearwater Police also will accept old, unused and expired prescription medication at the same time, as part of a nationwide Operation Medicine Cabinet. Call (727) 562-4920 or visit MyClearwater.com for details.



IT'S EVERYONE'S JOB TO SAVE WATER

April is Water Conservation Month, and it's important to conserve water all year long. Do your part by turning off the water while brushing your teeth, taking shorter showers instead of baths, and using reusable water bottles with tap or filtered water, rather than buying it bottled. You also can save water by finding and fixing common leaks in your home that – left undone – can

waste lots of water and break the bank. Plant native and drought-tolerant plants in your garden, use soaker hoses and water your plants during proper hours. Follow the city's watering restrictions, and water your lawn only on your designated watering days. Visit MyClearwater.com/watering for details.



SUNSHINE LINES

CALL "811" BEFORE YOU DIG

April is National Safe Digging Month, and it's a great time to remind homeowners and business owners to always call 811 at least 48 to 72 hours before starting all digging projects.

Clearwater Gas System reminds the public to always know where underground utility lines are buried before you dig. Properly marked underground utilities can help prevent injury, damages to utilities,

service disruptions, fines and costly repairs. Whether you're a professional excavator or a homeowner, smart digging always requires a free call to 811 first. It's the law.

WE NEVER FORGET OUR FALLEN OFFICERS

The Clearwater Police Department and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 10 will gather with the community on May 13 to remember those Clearwater police officers who have died in the line of duty. The event will take place starting at 10 a.m. at Station Square Park, 612 Cleveland St. in downtown Clearwater. The public is invited.

Police officers, elected officials, city employees and residents will honor the four officers alongside family members of the fallen – Patrolman Harry L. Conyers Jr., Patrolman Peter M. Price, Patrolman John F. Passer and Patrolman Ronald J. Mahony. There will also be a tribute to fallen officers from across the state of Florida.

"This solemn remembrance serves as a reminder of the price that these four heroes paid to serve the city of Clearwater," Police Chief Dan Slaughter said. "We want the families to know we will never forget them."



MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 30

City of Clearwater offices, libraries and recreation facilities will be closed Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day. Solid Waste & Recycling crews will be working, and there will be no changes to the collection schedule. In addition, a Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Crest Lake Park, 201 S. Glenwood Ave. For event information, visit TampaBayVeteransAlliance.org.

EARTH DAY

Each and every one has the power to make a difference. Celebrate Earth Day with your others in your community, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail Lane. Presentations, children's arts and crafts, music, vendors, food, and fun will make up this special celebration.

Moccasin Lake Nature Park is a family-friendly, smoke-free park, which also includes e-cigarettes. Only service dogs are allowed in the park. No other pets, please.

Call (727) 562-4315 with questions.



KEEP CLEARWATER BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Spring is here -- and leaves, grasses and greenery are growing tall and strong. Branches will be cut and may end up in the city's storm drainage system. Remember that stormwater flows directly into ponds, lakes, rivers and bays. Because water runs off our yards, it is important to reduce the amount of pollutants on private property.

Trash, debris and pollutants in yards -- such as fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides -- can wash into the stormwater system, polluting the environment and causing blockages in storm pipes. Substances such as detergents, motor oil or clippings from chemical-treated grass are dangerous to local waterways.

Do your part! You can maintain good vegetative ground cover such as grasses and plants to prevent soil and sediment from washing into drains. Sweep areas regularly, and bag yard waste for the Solid Waste/General Services Department to collect. Taking these steps will help keep Clearwater bright and beautiful.

Your Leadership Team		
MAYOR Frank Hibbard	CITY MANAGER Jon Jennings	CITY ATTORNEY David Margolis
COUNCILMEMBERS		
David Allbritton	Kathleen Beckman	
Mark Bunker	Lina Teixeira	
Para información en español, llame al (727) 562-4047.		
Sunshine Lines is produced by the city of Clearwater Public Communications Department.		
MyClearwater.com		