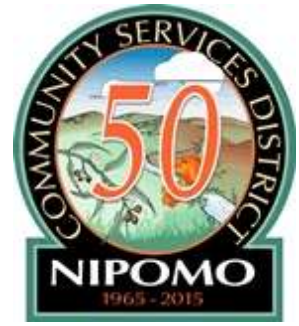


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New Water is Even Better – Change in Disinfection to Begin in September

Supplemental Water arrived in Nipomo from the City of Santa Maria on July 2nd. Beginning on September 1st, the disinfectant in the District's water supply will be switched from chlorine to chloramine – a quick, effective, and safe method of water disinfection. This is being done to reduce the potential for formation of regulated disinfection byproducts in the District water supply and to maintain consistency with the supplemental water received from the City of Santa Maria.

Chloramines have been used for disinfection purposes for more than 90 years. Chloramines do not pose a health hazard to the general population. However, they can be a serious concern to individuals with kidney disease undergoing dialysis treatment on artificial kidney machines unless the chloramines are reduced to acceptable levels. The District has been working with State and County Health Departments to ensure that everyone involved with the treatment of dialysis patients is alerted and that proper precautions are taken. Anyone receiving in-home dialysis treatment should contact their healthcare professional.

Additionally, chloramines, like chlorine, are toxic to fish and aquatic life. Before utilizing District water for pet fish or aquatic life, local pet or fish shops should be contacted to determine the best measures to remove chloramines. Boiling or holding the water for a period of time is not a reliable procedure for reducing chloramines, which are able to persist much longer than chlorine.

District customers will receive direct notification of this disinfection change in the coming days.

For more information on the project and the change in disinfection, the public is encouraged to visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov or contact the District at 929-1133 or info@ncsd.ca.gov.

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Established in 1965 to meet the health and sanitation needs of the local community, Nipomo Community Services is pleased to provide a wide variety of services throughout its district including the provision of water, sewer, and waste management services as well as lighting and drainage in limited areas. The mission of Nipomo Community Services District is to provide its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.