



Crescenta Valley Water District

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IF YOU HAVE AQUARIUMS, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND TAKE ACTION BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2018

Dear School Administrator:

The Crescenta Valley Water District serves drinking water to your school. The District currently uses chlorine to disinfect the tap water it delivers to customers. Sometime after October 1, 2018, **the District will be changing the disinfectant from chlorine to chloramine**, which is equally effective but generates fewer by-products during the treatment process. Chloramine has been used in Southern California for more than 30 years to kill bacteria and other germs, as required by the State of California and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Chloramine is used to treat the drinking water served by the cities of Los Angeles, Glendale, Pasadena, and many other communities across the country. Water treated with chloramine is safe for everyone, including children and pregnant women.

However, chloramine, like chlorine, is harmful to fish and all aquatic species that breathe through their gills. In addition, water containing chloramine will likely contain ammonia, which is also harmful to some aquatic species. Special additives and/or proper filtration systems are required in aquariums that use tap water. If you have aquariums in any of your classrooms, please contact a pet store near you to obtain the necessary equipment and supplies you may need to remove chloramine and ammonia from the water you put in your aquarium. Please make sure that this action is taken before October 1, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the District at (818) 248-3925.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nemesiano Ochoa", is written over a horizontal line.

Nem Ochoa,
General Manager