



Crescenta Valley Water District

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IF YOU HAVE AQUARIUMS OR SELL PRODUCTS FOR AQUARIUMS, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND TAKE ACTION BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2018

Dear Store Manager:

The Crescenta Valley Water District serves drinking water to customers within the unincorporated communities of La Crescenta, Montrose, and Verdugo City, and a small portion of the City of La Canada-Flintridge. While you may or may not receive your water from the Crescenta Valley Water District, some of your customers may live in our service area. For this reason, this notice might be of interest to you and your customers.

The Crescenta Valley Water District currently uses chlorine as the disinfectant in the tap water it distributes to all its 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. Please note that the maximum chloramine concentration will be less than 4 milligrams per liter, and the maximum ammonia concentration will be less than 1 milligram per liter.

As you know, special additives and/or proper filtration systems are required in aquariums or ponds that use tap water. We are providing you this notice so you can ensure that all your aquariums are properly equipped to remove chloramine and ammonia from the water. Please make sure that any necessary changes are made before October 1, 2018.

A notice is being sent to all District customers who may be owners of aquariums or ponds. The notice instructs these customers to contact their local pet store to inquire about additives and/or filters that they should use to remove chloramine and ammonia from the tap water that they use in their aquariums and ponds.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nemesiano Ochoa".

Nem Ochoa,
General Manager