



Notice to City of Livingston Water Customers May 1st, 2025

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires by law that all public water supply systems maintain a disinfectant residual in their drinking water to protect public health. TCEQ recommends that, as part of a proactive maintenance program for water distribution systems, public water supplies that utilize chloramines for disinfection should switch to a free-chlorine disinfection process on a periodic basis. This change of disinfection, coupled with a rigorous flushing program, will maintain the ability of the system to deliver clean, safe water to its customers.

The Trinity River Authority (TRA), as the operator of the system that supplies and treats water for the City of Livingston, the TDCJ Polunsky Unit and IAH Detention Facility has notified City officials that beginning Thursday, May 1st through Monday, May 26th, a **temporary change** will be made in the disinfectant that is used in treating the City's water supply. TRA will begin feeding free chlorine as the primary disinfectant instead of chloramines. In addition to the change in disinfection procedures, crews from the City of Livingston will be flushing the water distribution system by opening fire hydrants in various parts of the city during the early morning hours to minimize inconvenience to our customers.

As the temporary change in disinfectant and the flushing of the system occur, customers may experience some minor changes in the taste and odor of the water. This is normal and should only last for a short time.

Both the Trinity River Authority and the City of Livingston continually monitor the quality of the public water supply through regular, routine water sample analysis, in accordance with state requirements, to assure the continued safety and quality of our public drinking water. The water is and will continue to be safe to drink during this process. There are no associated health risks with this change in our treatment process. The Trinity River Authority has notified the TCEQ Regional Office in Beaumont and the main office in Austin of its intention to make the changes to the disinfection process.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact City Hall at 936.327.4311.