



THERE'S NOTHING FISHY ABOUT **MONOCHLORAMINE**

The water supplied by the City of Craig will soon be treated with monochloramine. With this change, our customers will receive drinking water with improved taste and odor that meets or surpasses stringent standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).

People can safely drink and bathe with water treated with monochloramine, but it can be harmful to fish and aquatic life. Monochloramine must be removed from tap water used for keeping fresh and saltwater fish.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: **AQUATIC LIFE & PETS**

WHAT TYPES OF AQUATIC LIFE ARE AFFECTED?

Monochloramine, like chlorine, is harmful to fish and other aquatic life—including Koi fish, lobster, shrimp, frogs, turtles, snails, clams and live coral—when it directly enters the blood stream from water that passes through the gills.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR AQUARIUM AND POND OWNERS?

Monochloramine must be removed from tap water before it can be used in your fresh or saltwater aquarium or pond.

HOW CAN I REMOVE MONOCHLORAMINE FROM MY WATER?

Commercially available water-conditioning agents or activated carbon filters specifically designed to remove monochloramine must be used according to product instructions. These products are readily available at most pet supply stores and aquarium dealers. Chlorine removal agents that are not specifically designed to also remove monochloramine could leave excess ammonia in the water. Too much ammonia could harm aquatic life. Carefully read product instructions to ensure removal of monochloramine and ammonia.

MORE INFO ON BACK

CAN I LEAVE WATER SITTING OUT FOR A FEW DAYS TO REMOVE MONOCHLORAMINE FROM TAP WATER?

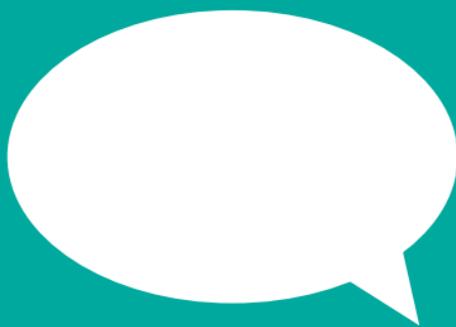
No. Unlike chlorine, monochloramine does not dissipate when it sits for a few days. Monochloramine is longer lasting and may actually take weeks to dissipate. Therefore, this is not an effective method for removing monochloramine.

WILL BOILING REMOVE MONOCHLORAMINE?

No. Monochloramine cannot be removed by boiling water or adding salt.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER PETS?

Dogs, cats, birds and other animals can safely drink water treated with monochloramine because the digestive process neutralizes monochloramine before it enters the bloodstream.



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