

SUNSHINE APRIL 2024 LINES

BEAUTIFUL NEWS FROM BAY TO BEACH

TEMPORARY CHANGES IN OUR WATER TREATMENT PROCESS

MAY 20 TO JUNE 8, 2024

Each year, Pinellas County's drinking water distribution system temporarily switches its water treatment method from chloramines to chlorine. Clearwater customers are affected because the city buys some of its water from Pinellas County.

People who are sensitive to chlorine may notice a stronger smell or taste during this temporary change in our water disinfecting process. Users of kidney dialysis machines and owners of aquatic life should contact their respective service providers for additional guidance.

Why are you changing how you treat our drinking water?

Chloramines are commonly used for drinking water disinfection. As part of a program to clean water pipes, twice a year disinfection switches to chlorine for city of Clearwater customers. This is a common water treatment practice for water systems that normally use chloramine throughout the year.

What are drinking water disinfectants?

Chlorine and chloramines are common disinfectants used to remove microbial contaminants, such as bacteria and viruses. Disinfection occurs during the drinking water treatment process.

These simple steps may minimize chlorine odor or taste.

- Run the tap for a few minutes before using.
- Fill a pitcher of water and let it sit for several hours to allow any residual chlorine to dissipate.
- Consider installing a carbon filter on kitchen/bathroom faucets or shower heads or replacing existing filters with new ones.

Your water is safe to drink and meets all federal and state drinking water standards. Call Clearwater Public Utilities at (727) 562-4960 with questions.



'MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU' WATER PLANT TOUR

The Tusken Raiders of Tatooine considered water wells to be sacred places – and indeed they are. Come to the city's Reverse-Osmosis Water Treatment Plant #2 on May 4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to see firsthand how we treat the water you drink. Meet members of the Florida Garrison 501st Legion – as well as our water superheroes – and learn all about the vital role water treatment plays in our daily lives.

The event celebrates not only "May the Fourth Be With You" but also Drinking Water Week. Clearwater Public Utilities treats and delivers 11.5 million gallons of water each day to its 34,000 accounts, which is about 4.2 billion gallons per year! The plant is located along the U.S. 19 northbound access road, 21133 U.S. 19 N.



SOLAR CO-OP OPENS TO RESIDENTS

If you are interested in getting solar panels or bringing solar energy into your home, small business or nonprofit organization, you may benefit from the Pinellas 2024 Solar Co-op. The local co-op is hosted by nonprofit Solar United Neighbors, or SUN, and is now open to all interested residents of Pinellas County, including Clearwater.

The co-ops are free to join and are open to everyone in Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Tampa and beyond. Together, co-op members learn about solar energy and leverage their numbers to purchase top-quality individual solar systems at a competitive price. Co-op members then select one solar company to complete the installations. Visit SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/Pinellas for co-op information or to participate in free monthly information sessions about the ins and outs of solar energy.



CLEARWATER HAPPENINGS

Free Fitness Classes

Saturdays, 8 a.m., Yoga
 Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Yoga
 Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Cardio FIT
 This free fitness class happens at Coachman Park and is hosted by the Clearwater Y in Motion.

RAIN: A Tribute to The Beatles

May 4, 7 p.m.
 Celebrate the music of the legendary Fab Four at The BayCare Sound.

'May the Fourth Be With You' Water Plant Tour

May 4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Come to the city's Reverse-Osmosis Water Treatment Plant #2 for an open house, located along the U.S. 19 northbound access road at 21133 U.S. 19 N.

Diana Ross

May 9, 8 p.m.
 The legendary Diana Ross returns to Clearwater to perform at The BayCare Sound.

Annual Clearwater Police Department Memorial Service

May 10, 10 a.m.
 The annual Clearwater Police Officer Memorial Service at Station Square Park honors those killed in the line of duty and Clearwater's four fallen officers. The event is open to the public.

Scenes on the Green

May 10, 8 p.m.
 Watch "Dora and the Lost City of Gold" (PG) on the green of Coachman Park.

Market Marie

May 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Come to Coachman Park to experience a diverse selection of unique, handcrafted items and tasty treats.

SSOVA's May Clearwater Beach Tournament

May 18-19, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Watch beach volleyball on Clearwater Beach.

Water Safety Day

May 18, 9 a.m. to noon.
 Learn about the importance of water safety at the Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road.

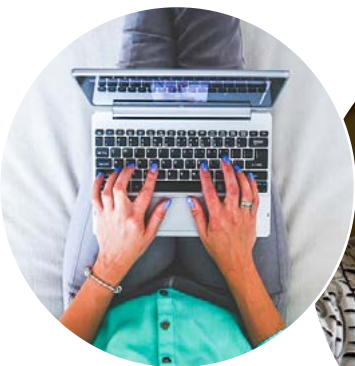
Veterans Alliance Memorial Day Festival

May 25
 Honor American veterans at Coachman Park.



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RAINS AND DRAINS

When you're spending time outside in your yard, be sure to properly dispose of grass clippings, leaves and other vegetation. If you own a lawn or gardening service, be careful not to blow clippings into the street, toward catch basins or down storm drains. Residents should not pile trash on or near catch basins. While stormwater often travels through pipes under roads just like sewage, it is not treated at a wastewater treatment plant. Instead, stormwater carries grass and leaves from lawns directly into ponds, lakes, rivers and bays and can clog storm drains.

Because water runs off of yards, it is important to reduce the amount of pollutants on properties. Trash, debris and pollutants in yards – such as fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides – can wash into the stormwater system, polluting the environment and causing blockages in storm pipes. To learn more, call the Public Works Department at (727) 562-4750.



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