



# Important Information about Your Drinking Water

This is not an emergency

This notice is for Low Zone customers of the City of Sauk Rapids public water supply

June 5, 2024

We are making improvements to the drinking water supply. These improvements may cause changes in your water.

## What improvements are being made?

The City is making improvements to its drinking water system to continue providing safe and reliable drinking water meeting federal and state water quality standards. Additionally, in order to reduce PFAS levels in the Low Zone system, we are working toward the goal of routing our source water through Sauk Rapids' Water Treatment Plant. A connection will be made to allow treated water from the High Zone to be fed to the Low Zone. Through this change, Low Zone customers will be switched from one type of disinfectant (free chlorine) to another (chloramine). Disinfectants remove or kill microorganisms in the water. Switching to chloramine will:

- Improve the disinfection of our water by better maintaining small amounts of chlorine in all parts of the water system.
- Improve the taste and odor of the water.
- Reduce levels of unwanted disinfection byproducts, such as trihalomethanes, which are suspected carcinogens.

The High Zone water system is already utilizing chloramine disinfection. This switch/ change allows the utility to be consistent in disinfection processes throughout the entire Sauk Rapids water system.

## Are there any health or safety concerns?

Chloramine disinfection method is safer and will produce better tasting water, but may affect the following:

- Kidney dialysis patients - seek advice from your doctor
- Aquatic creatures - check with your local pet store
- Medical laboratories.

We will continue to monitor our water in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Health to ensure that we continue to provide safe drinking water. Our water will continue to be disinfected throughout all improvements.

**Will there be any water quality changes?**

You may experience temporary disruptions in water quality as the City makes improvements. Sometimes, the process of making improvements can stir up sediment and temporarily change the color of the water. If the color of your water changes, we recommend letting your faucets run until the water is clear before you drink or use it.

You may notice a change in taste and odor of the water as a result of the switch in type of disinfectant.

**Will my water service be disrupted?**

No, we do not anticipate any disruptions in your water service.

These improvements are expected to occur by the end of June 2024. We will send another notice if we expect any additional issues to occur. For more information, please contact Craig Nelson, Director of Public Utilities at (320) 258-5318 or [cnelson@ci.sauk-rapids.mn.us](mailto:cnelson@ci.sauk-rapids.mn.us) or visit our website at <https://ci.sauk-rapids.mn.us/> for more information.

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