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**Lee County Utilities ends free chlorine flush**

Fort Myers, FL, May 18, 2021– Lee County Utilities on Monday, May 24, will end the free chlorine flush, which will involve converting its disinfection process from a free chlorine residual back to chloramines as the primary disinfectant.

The free chlorine flush, which began May 3, is a routine measure common among water utilities that use chloramines as a primary disinfectant.

Anyone who uses a kidney dialysis machine at home should contact an equipment supplier so the proper filtering equipment may be installed.

Tropical fish or aquatic animal owners should contact a local tropical fish store for appropriate pretreatment of water before adding it to tanks.

Customers may notice a temporary change in the taste, odor, and color of the water, which is not harmful.

Although the conversion of disinfection begins on May 24, it will take about one week for the service area to be converted from a free chlorine residual to chloramines.

Customers can contact the Lee County Utilities office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at 239-533-8845 with any questions.