

NEWS RELEASE

Switch back to Chloramination

Beginning on **Wednesday, October 21st, 2014**, the Union Water Supply System (UWSS) will be reverting to chloramination for secondary disinfection of its treated drinking water. UWSS provides treated drinking water to the Municipality of Leamington, Town of Kingsville and parts of the Town of Essex and Town of Lakeshore for distribution to their residential, commercial and industrial customers. This change to chloramination will conclude the use of free chlorine for secondary disinfection that was implemented by UWSS on April 27th, 2014. This 6-month long temporary change to free chlorine for secondary disinfection was conducted to facilitate a long term maintenance program on the system and to control bacterial re-growth within the distribution system.

The UWSS has been using chloramination for secondary disinfection since 2004 to provide a longer lasting disinfectant in the distribution system.

Your drinking water will remain safe to consume throughout the conversion process.

The UWSS is working very closely with the Windsor-Essex Community Health Unit, the Ministry of Environment, Ontario Clean Water Agency and water distribution staff from the municipalities of Leamington, Kingsville, Essex and Lakeshore to plan and carry out this work. Regular monitoring of drinking water quality will continue throughout the process.

As the transition in water chemistry moves through the distribution pipes, you may notice some variations to your tap water. These may include:

- a slight change in taste/odour
- periodic discolouration of cold water

If you experience discolouration, run the cold water tap until it runs clear, generally 5 – 10 minutes.

Please see [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for additional information.

If you have any questions or concerns with the chloramination treatment, are experiencing persistent water discolouration or a significant reduction in water pressure to your home, please contact the UWSS Water treatment plant at (519) 326-4447 or your local municipal water department at the following numbers:

Municipality of Leamington:	519-326-5761
Town of Kingsville:	519-733-2305
Town of Essex:	519-776-7336
Town of Lakeshore:	519-728-2700