



**Bell County Water Control & Improvement
District No. 1**

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Press Release

The Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (BCWCID1), which provides wholesale water service to the cities of; Belton, Copperas Cove, Killeen, Harker Heights as well as Bell County WCID 3 (Nolanville), 439 Water Supply Corporation and the Fort Hood Military Reservation, will temporarily convert the disinfectant in its water treatment process from chloramines to free chlorine. The conversion is scheduled to take place October 21st through November 22, 2021. During this period, you may experience taste and odor changes associated with the type of temporary disinfectant conversion.

Disinfection is a critical part of the water treatment process that keeps drinking water free of harmful microorganisms, such as parasites and viruses. Disinfection involves a two-step process that first treats the water at the treatment plant and then chloramine disinfectant (chlorine + ammonia) is added to maintain water quality. During the temporary change, BCWCID1 will suspend adding ammonia and use free chlorine to keep water disinfected as it travels through pipes.

BCWCID1 is partnering with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and local entities to implement a temporary disinfectant conversion to free chlorine to maintain the system and water quality. BCWCID1 continues to meet safe drinking water standards earning recognition from TCEQ as a Superior Public Water System. The annual water quality reports are posted online at www.wcid1.org. Please refer back to this website for any updates associated with the recent boil water notice.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Ricky Garrett at 254-501-9243.