

# WHAT'S IN YOUR TAP WATER?

## YOUR WATER PROVIDER IS NOW DISINFECTING YOUR WATER WITH CHLORAMINES

What are Chloramine's? Chloramine is a combination of chlorine and ammonia.

Chloramine is a less effective disinfectant than chlorine and cannot kill pathogens like E. Coli and certain viruses effectively according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

**Your greatest exposure to chloramine in tap water is through bathing and showering.**

Neither the public nor the city water boards were consulted or involved in the decision to use chloramine in place of chlorine. The LAWD and MWD says that chloramine is "safe" even though no one knows if it can cause cancer. Are we to be used as guinea pigs to see if chloramine in our water can cause health and other problems?

Chloramine leaches lead from pipes and lead-tin solder from pipe joints. Lead poisoning can cause neurological damage and health problems, even death in young children.

Chloramine can pit pinholes in copper pipes. Leaks from the pipes can cause toxic molds and endanger the health of people.

Chloramine can corrode rubber plumbing parts such as toilet flappers, and de-elastifies plastic polymer pipes, leaching carcinogens into tap water.

The thousands to tens of thousands of dollars in plumbing repair costs caused by chloramines are passed on to property owners.

Chloramine can kill fish, amphibians and water-based reptiles and marine invertebrates. Chloramine enters directly into their bloodstream, gills, or skin, literally suffocating them to death.

After a great protest by the City of Los Angeles water distributors including the LAWD and Metropolitan Water were allowed to continue to use Chloramines on June 5<sup>th</sup> 1985.

As a result of the change from straight chlorine to chloramines include respiratory symptoms such as:

Sinus and nasal congestion, sneezing, coughing, choking, wheezing, asthma outbreaks, bronchial and emphysema like symptoms. Or skin symptoms such as:

Rashes, red burning skin, intense itching, dry flaking skin, welts, blisters, dry mouth and lips, dry eyes, scarring and red pigmentation.

**What can you do?**

Showerhead filters will not remove chloramine. A whole house filter with a substantial catalytic carbon filter or a whole house reverse osmosis is necessary.

Pro Water Solutions Inc. is the best and highest reviewed whole house water filtration company in Los Angeles and Orange County. Pro Water Solutions specializes in Chloramine removal. To discuss this issue and the potential installation cost of a whole house filtration system please call 661-373-7597.

**Also you can write or email the State of California. Sample Letters are located at the Citizens Concerned About Chloramines.** <http://www.chloramine.org>

