

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager

DATE: June 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Kevin Mulligan, Director of Public Works, regarding Uptown planters and beautification efforts
2. A letter from Anthony C. Cannon, General Manager of Greenville Utilities, regarding annual temporary conversion to chlorine

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Attachments

## Memorandum

**To:** Ann E. Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Kevin Mulligan, PE, Director of Public Works  
**Date:** June 21, 2022  
**Subject:** Uptown Planters - Beautification Efforts

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Since early 2022, Public Works – Buildings and Grounds staff have been working diligently to re-establish the Uptown flower planter beautification program. Thirty (30) planters were planted with winter seasonal flowers of pansies and violets in March. Twenty (20) additional planters were ordered in preparation for the summer planting period in mid-May. The twenty (20) new planters along with the existing thirty (30) planters were planted in late May with: Begonia, Pennesetum, Vinca, Potato Vine, and Coleus.

The planters are located between Fifth Street and Reade Circle from Greene Street to Reade Street.



Staff waters the flowers 3-4 times per week and fertilize them every two weeks to ensure optimal appearance. These summer flowers will last until early October at which time the flowers will be removed and replaced with fall/winter flowers.





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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

June 9, 2022

Ms. Ann E. Wall  
City Manager  
City of Greenville  
Post Office Box 7207  
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Dear Ann:

In December 2002, Greenville Utilities changed the disinfectant used in our drinking water from chlorine to chloramines, which is a mixture of chlorine and ammonia. This change was made to improve drinking water quality and meet new federal/state drinking water regulations. Chloramines are an effective disinfectant and also reduce the level of byproducts that are regulated by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

State drinking water guidelines recommend that water systems using chloramines periodically switch back to free chlorine (chlorine alone) for a period of time. The temporary use of chlorine will ensure that a high level of disinfection is maintained throughout the water distribution system.

Attached is a news release that we plan to distribute to the local media in reference to our conversion to chlorine as a disinfectant in our water treatment process. I'm providing this information to you in the event you feel it is appropriate to inform any members of your staff and/or town officials before the conversion, which begins June 20 and continues through August 1. In addition to the news release, our Public Information Office has prepared other communications to inform the public of the conversion.

If I can provide further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Anthony C. Cannon  
General Manager/CEO

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## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **GUC: Annual Temporary Conversion to Chlorine**

Beginning June 20 and continuing through August 1, Greenville Utilities will temporarily change the disinfectant used in the water treatment process. GUC will be using chlorine rather than chloramines during this period of time.

Since December 2002, GUC has used chloramines, a mixture of chlorine and ammonia, as the disinfectant in its water treatment process. "Chloramines are an effective disinfectant and also reduce the level of byproducts that are regulated by the US Environmental Protection Agency," said Randy Emory, Director of Water Resources. "State drinking water guidelines recommend that water systems using chloramines periodically switch back to free chlorine (chlorine alone) for a period of time. This brief, scheduled change in disinfectant is a standard water treatment practice to keep water mains clean and free of potentially harmful bacteria throughout the year."

During the temporary switch to free chlorine, customers may notice a slight change in the taste or smell of their tap water. The mild chlorine taste and smell are normal and pose no health risk. Most customers will not need to take any precautions as the water remains safe to drink and is treated according to both state and federal standards. People and businesses that normally take special precautions to remove chloramines from tap water, such as dialysis centers, medical facilities, and aquatic pet owners, should continue to take the same precautions during the temporary switch from chloramines to free chlorine.

For additional information, please go to [guc.com](http://guc.com) or contact GUC at 252-551-1551.