



PUBLIC NOTICE

Beginning July 31, 2013, the Auburn Water District will make a change in the treatment of the drinking water.

The Auburn Water District, in partnership with the Lewiston Water Division, will begin adjusting the alkalinity of the drinking water for the customers of both cities. Changing the alkalinity during treatment will stabilize the water's pH after the disinfection process.

Auburn's and Lewiston's drinking water comes from Lake Auburn and remains unfiltered because Lake Auburn is well protected and very clean. To ensure the water is safe to drink the water districts disinfect the water with chlorine and ultra-violet (UV) light.

During the disinfection/treatment process water's pH can change. The pH measures the acidity of water. Water's pH affects the activity of chlorine and can make the water reactive to iron pipes; sometimes resulting in a yellow color and/or iron taste to the water. Increasing the alkalinity helps to buffer the drinking water so that the pH remains more stable through the distribution system. *

Most customers should not notice this adjustment to the drinking water. However, some industries, commercial users, or medical providers should take note of the change in chemistry of the water and contact us with any concerns or questions.

If you have any questions about the water treatment process or our water quality control program, please contact:

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* Note: For improved buffering capacity, alkalinity will be adjusted from 12 mg/l of CaCO₃ (milligrams per liter of calcium carbonate) to 22 mg/l.

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