



# Castaic Lake Water Agency Conversion to Chloramines Quick Facts

**Conversion info:** Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) will convert water disinfection treatment from chlorine to chloramines **on or after April 15, 2005** to meet national surface water standards required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**Target audiences:** As with chlorine, chloramines are **safe for people, dogs and cats**. But as with chlorine, chloramines must be removed or neutralized for aquatic animals and kidney dialysis patients.

**Kidney Dialysis:** As with chlorine, chloramines can harm kidney dialysis patients if it is not removed before water mixes with the bloodstream. However, kidney dialysis patients can safely drink chloramines because chloramines are neutralized before entering the blood stream. All kidney dialysis treatment facilities will be ready for the conversion. Equipment and facilities will be inspected and certified by the California State Department of Health Services prior to the conversion.

**Aquatic Pets:** Chloramines are also harmful to fresh and saltwater fish, shellfish amphibians and some reptiles because they are sent directly into the bloodstream through gills or skin. All pet supply stores and veterinarians have been informed of and educated on the conversion and can advise clients on dechloraminating conditioners.

**Pools and Spas:** Although chloraminated water is completely safe, swimming pool and spa water must be tested to make sure chlorine amounts are adjusted to appropriate levels. Pool services and pool supply stores have been informed of the conversion and will be able to supply appropriate test kit information.

**Water Suppliers:** All water suppliers in the Santa Clarita Valley will undergo the conversion. They are: Santa Clarita Water Division, Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36, Newhall County Water District and Valencia Water Company.

**For Information:** Visit our Web site at [www.clwa.org](http://www.clwa.org) or call CLWA at (661) 297-1600.