

Guidelines To Follow After Your Well Has Been Chlorinated

Bypass water treatment/conditioning systems & filters

Water treatment systems and filters need to be by-passed so that small screens inside the conditioner do not plug up with possible debris and minerals that become loose during the chlorination process. Our service technician can help you with this if necessary.

Let system sit idle for 12-18 hours

Toilets may be used sparingly. Do not use the water for aquariums or pets during this time. Check with your physician about other uses of the water, such as bathing, if you have allergies or other medical concerns

Flush well system from outside hose spigot at Full Flow / Low Flow

Flush the system by discharging the chlorinated water through an outside tap. Monitor the end of the hose throughout the flushing procedure to verify continued flow. Debris may temporarily plug up the outside hose spigot. If this occurs, open and close the valve quickly to dislodge the debris and continue flushing. Flushing can take anywhere from 2-10 hours. During the flushing process, do not discharge the chlorinated water to a natural water body (such as streams or lakes, etc.) or to areas where it can harm desired vegetation (e.g. vegetable gardens, landscaped areas, etc.). Do not discharge this water into your septic system. Flush the well until the water is clear and there is no chlorine odor present

Verify that the water is completely clear

To verify that the water is clear, fill up a glass jar / cup and make sure that is transparent and there is no debris settling out when you let it sit for one minute. Turn the hose off, wait 10 minutes, turn the hose back on and resample after 5min to verify that the water is still clear. If the water is still not clear, continue pumping.

Flush the rest of the plumbing system

Flush each plumbing fixture until water is clear and free of chlorine odor.

Put water treatment/conditioning systems and filters back in service

Sediment filters may be plugged and need to be changed

Final Notes

You may experience some temporary inconveniences as a result of the disinfection process such as dirty or discolored water, staining, plugging of fixtures, or sedimentation problems. However, the water should clear with time. In some cases a few days may be necessary.

Please note that under some conditions, such as biofilm buildup in a well, more than one disinfection or mechanical cleaning and disinfection may be required.

