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Replacing Rubber Plumbing Parts

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), which supplies drinking water to 2.4 million customers in San Francisco, the Peninsula, South and East Bay, will change the drinking water disinfectant from chlorine to chloramine in the February of 2004. Chloramine is a proven disinfectant that is a combination of chlorine and ammonia. The change to chloramine is being made to comply with water quality regulations and provide even higher quality water.

While safe for people and animals to drink, chloraminated water may degrade rubber components more quickly than chlorinated tap water. On rare occasion, you may experience small black flakes in your water and plumbing fixtures. These signs of degradation can be easily resolved by upgrading to high quality rubber (synthetic polymers such as neoprene) parts or flexible copper tubing. Tubing made of corrugated stainless flex or newer neoprene braided stainless steel will also work.

Ask store personnel for assistance when replacing rubber plumbing and irrigation components such as water supply hoses, toilet flapper valves and sprinkler parts.

For more information on the chloramine conversion visit www.fostercity.org or call (650) 286-3270.



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