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# NEWS RELEASE

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## BJWSA to Conduct Treatment Maintenance

**Okatie, SC (November 21, 2011)** - Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA) will temporarily change the method of disinfecting the drinking water for its customers next month. The change is part of the routine maintenance program for the water distribution system. All of BJWSA's retail and wholesale customers will be affected by this change, including utilities that receive wholesale water from BJWSA.

Customers might notice a chlorine taste or odor in the tap water beginning Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> through Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Crews will also flush the system by opening fire hydrants at various locations.

This process is safe and customers can drink their water as normal.

Customers who are especially sensitive to the taste and odor of chlorine should keep an open container of drinking water in their refrigerator. This will enable the chlorine to dissipate, thus reducing the chlorine taste. Change the water in your refrigerated container weekly.

Localized system flushing also may result in some minor discoloration of the water. If water appears discolored, customers should run cold water for a few minutes. If discoloration persists, call customer service at 843-987-9200.

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