



The City of Bremerton is pleased to serve you. For more information, please visit www.BremertonWA.gov or call the City of Bremerton Customer Response Line (360) 473-5920, the Kitsap Public Health District (360) 728-2235, Washington State Department of Health (360) 236-3030, or the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791.

“My water smells and tastes like chlorine!”

Why is chlorine added to the water?

Chlorine is added to the water to kill germs that may be in the water. Chlorine is the most common disinfectant used in water systems and is very effective.

Is there too much chlorine in my water?

The City of Bremerton carefully monitors the levels of chlorine in the water system so that the proper amount is present to disinfect. Chlorine levels in Bremerton’s water is generally in the range of 0.2 – 0.9 mg/l (parts per million). The levels of chlorine may change depending on your location in the system and sources in use. Regulations prohibit chlorine in excess of 4.0 mg/l.

So, if the amount of chlorine is OK, what can I do?

One way to solve the problem is to store water for drinking purposes in a pitcher in the refrigerator. The chlorine will dissipate from the water, as will the taste or smell you had noticed. Also, cold water tastes better to most people. Add a slice of lemon, if you like. If a strong objectionable chlorine taste persists, call the City of Bremerton Public Works and Utilities Customer Response at (360) 473-5920. Customers with fish tanks should remove the chlorine when replacing tank water – see a pet store for more information.

Do I need a water filter?

A filter is not needed for health purposes as City of Bremerton water is in compliance with federal and state standards. A filter can treat for such aesthetic qualities as color or taste. Not all units are equal or appropriate for your situation. Home filters should be NSF approved. If you are in the market we recommend the EPA publications “Filtering Fact from Fiction” and Water Health Series “Filtration Facts” 816-K-05-002 available at www.epa.gov