



Oasis Mobile Home Park Water Filtration System

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Water Filtration System for Kitchen Tap

(Point-of-Use Devices)

Residents may wish to further treat the water in their homes to limit the need for bottled water. Residents can purchase home filtration devices to help remove arsenic and other contaminants from their water. These devices typically are housed underneath the kitchen sink and have a separate kitchen sink tap. Several manufacturers sell devices that successfully remove arsenic from the water when used according to the manufacturer's recommendations. This includes changing filters at the recommended frequency.

When looking for a device, make sure the device is approved for NSF/ANSI standard 58 and is properly certified by a third-party entity such as NSF International or the Water Quality Association. The labeling on the product should state that it removes arsenic (or standard 58) and should have a third-party approval label similar to these:



Any devices purchased are at the expense of the purchaser and will not be reimbursed by EPA. EPA will not inspect, review, approve, or maintain any devices purchased.

Oasis Distribution System Home Sampling

Why is Oasis Mobile Home Park (OMHP) sampling at homes?

Arsenic can absorb to iron material that can be found in the homes at OMHP and release over time. The iron material comes from plumbing such as galvanized pipes and iron sediment that may accumulate in the plumbing. On a weekly basis, OMHP is taking samples from taps inside 27 homes throughout the park to test for arsenic. Homes are selected based on their locations in the park and by the type of plumbing identified in each home.

EPA set the arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) in drinking water at 10 parts per billion (ppb). Water systems like OMHP must meet the 10 ppb standard at the location where the treated water leaves the treatment plant. As a part of EPA's 2021 Emergency Administrative Order, OMHP must also sample a subset of homes to identify if arsenic levels are higher at customers' taps.

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What can I do to reduce the level of arsenic build-up in my premise plumbing?

Most important, alternative water continues to be available at the La Chicanita market, and Residents should continue to use alternative water for cooking, drinking, and brushing teeth.

While OMHP has begun monthly flushing of the distribution system to help lower arsenic levels, EPA recommends that you continue to flush the taps in your home following the instructions provided by OMHP.

Will I be notified of sampling results?

OMHP will release public notices on a routine basis to inform all residents of the range of arsenic found in the sampled homes and the number of homes where arsenic exceeded the MCL. Specific homes will not be identified to protect the privacy of individuals. Additionally, for informational purposes, customers whose homes were sampled will receive an additional notice of their specific sample results.