

## WATER QUALITY AND PHOSPHATES

Do the glasses coming out of your dishwasher look cloudy? Do the dishes seem dull?

A number of Temple Terrace residents have reported a change in the appearance of glasses and dishes coming out of their dishwasher. Some have asked if there has been a change in the City's drinking water.

The City's water quality and treatment process has not changed. What's new is a federal mandate greatly reducing the amount of phosphates found in commercial dishwashing detergents.

Phosphates help prevent mineral deposits from accumulating on dishes. Unfortunately, phosphates also promote algae growth in our rivers and lakes, robbing the water of oxygen necessary for fish and other aquatic life. The federal law was enacted to reduce the amount of phosphates that wind up in our waterways.

There are many types of finishing products available to help rinse your dishes and eliminate the mineral buildup in your dishwasher. Many of these household products are available at grocery stores and other retail outlets.

You may also want to contact the manufacturer of your dishwasher to see which products are recommended.

For questions about the City's water supply, please call (813) 506-6570.