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Official: Green water OK to drink in Lewisville

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Some residents in Lewisville may have noticed their water looked green this week.

Carole Bassinger, the city's public services director, said the water is safe to drink. The reason for the color is that the city has had to make adjustments in its treatment process because of the impact the heavy rains had on the lake earlier this summer.

"Normally the water in the lake is very stable and it's very clear coming into the plant, and there's a minimal amount of treatment you have to do," she said.

Ms. Bassinger said the treatment plant has had to adjust the amount of chemical it uses to treat the water. Her department is also releasing water from hydrants in areas where it's received complaints in an effort to flush out the greenish-colored water.

This is also the time of the year when rising temperatures create ripe conditions in the lake for an algae bloom, which in turn makes the water taste odd.

"It's that sauna effect, and it really doesn't help," she said.

Lewisville isn't the only jurisdiction with colored water. In Mansfield, the water has shades of yellow and brown due to higher levels of iron and manganese this time of year. According to the city Web site, the water is safe to drink. The situation, first noted on Sunday, has been clearing up and the water color should return to normal by early next week, the city said.