

# Hi, Neighbor!

## WE ARE ALL CHULA VISTA

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### Chula Vista Water

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The Lake Chapala area is located in a volcanic zone. Our water flows through layers of volcanic rock. This rock contains a variety of elements. Some elements are toxic; some are not. Some of the toxic elements are arsenic, cadmium, lead, chromium 6, fluoride, mercury, nitrates and nitrites (when in high levels) and some radioactive minerals. Other non-toxic elements in the water are copper and manganese. When there are unacceptable levels of toxic elements in our water, we notify the community, as happened last year when there was a question about arsenic in the water.

One of the elements in our water is manganese. When the water is chlorinated, the manganese turns into manganese chloride. This state of manganese is not toxic to humans, but when it is present in chlorinated water, it turns into a brown-grey sludge. It colors the water and causes stains on walls and pipes. Some people have noticed this sludge in their pipes, showers, and pools.

While our water is potable and does not pose a health risk, some folks may prefer to use bottled water for drinking or to install a filtration system. There are a number of different types of filtration systems. One system uses paper filters. These types of filters tear easily and have to be changed frequently. Another system uses a sand filter to trap the manganese chloride and other sediments. Filtration systems can be installed at the point where water enters the property.

Water is our most precious asset. The water system is monitored very four months, chlorinated automatically to international standards and analyzed for pathogenic bacteria, parasites and hydrocarbons. We are vigilant in protecting the quality of our water.

### Opting Out

The Colonos office sends out notices to the community about break-ins, robberies or other important events. If you do not wish to receive these notices, please inform the office and they will put you on an "Opt-Out" list.



### Neighborhood Fiesta March 14, 2020.

Our neighborhood Fiesta is coming on March 14, 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Privada Jardines, one block above the Chula Vista office.

Come meet your neighbors and make new friends. We will have delicious food and a free raffle. You will have a chance to talk to Mexican Census officials and Expat Liaison from the Chapala Municipality, Héctor España Ramos.

The Fiesta food and soft drinks are **FREE** for Chula Vista homeowners and renters. Guests are welcome but will be charged \$100 pesos each. You are welcome to bring your own "harder refreshments." Sign up at the Chula Vista office **no later than Tuesday, March 10.**

### The INEGI Census.

Census takers will be coming to individual homes March 2 – 27, 2020. They will be wearing the INEGI uniform of hat and vest, backpack, clipboard, cell phone and ID badge. The badge will have the census taker's photo, name, and registration number.

Anyone can go to the census website, [www.censo2020.mx](http://www.censo2020.mx), to verify the census taker's information. Additional information can be found at: [www.inegi.org.mx](http://www.inegi.org.mx)

**Everyone:** citizen, foreigner, owner, or renter is required to participate in the census.

The census takers **WILL NOT** come into the house. They **WILL NOT** ask about your bank account numbers. **WILL NOT** ask to see your passport or governmental ID.

### HELPFUL NUMBERS

#### Chapala Police Department -

To report problems, crimes or ask questions:  
Luis - 33 21 61 5903

Transit Department - To report the date, time,  
place and purpose of a stop by a transit officer:  
Gerardo 33 15 66 3440

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

CHAPALA POLICE  
765-4444 or -4455

CHULA VISTA OFFICE 766-2633 or 766-2667