



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 25-167**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

**DATE:** September 5, 2025

**SUBJECT: Temporary Water Color Change Beginning September 8, 2025  
(Prospect Lake Clean Water Center)**

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This memo is to inform the City Commission of a temporary water color change that residents may notice beginning Monday, September 8, 2025. The change is a result of essential work being done in preparation for the launch of the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center (PLCWC) in fall 2026.

As part of pre-commissioning activities for the new facility, City crews will flush raw water piping at the Prospect Wellfield to remove sand, grit, and other debris from the system. This flushing process is necessary to ensure high-quality water once the new facility becomes operational. From September 8 - 10, 2025, wells will be systematically turned on to scour the inside of the pipes. During this time and until the new plant is brought online, the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant will have limited access to certain wells, requiring the temporary use of wells with naturally higher organic content.

Neighbors may notice slight changes in the color of their water during this period. However, all water remains safe to drink and continues to meet all primary drinking water standards. The change in color is temporary and water clarity will improve once the PLCWC is fully operational in fall 2026.

The City, through the Office of Strategic Communications, is proactively communicating with residents to explain the reason for this temporary change, emphasize that the water is safe, and highlight that this work is a critical step in upgrading our infrastructure to deliver consistent, high-quality water to every home and business. Public outreach will begin this week through email, the City's website, and social media. City staff will provide updates as milestones are achieved and the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center moves toward full operation. The latest information can be found at [spotlightftl.com/water-treatment-plant](http://spotlightftl.com/water-treatment-plant).

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