

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Chlorine: What Everyone Should Know

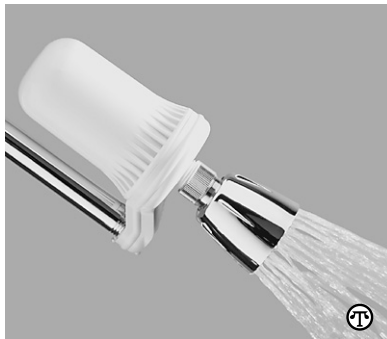
(NAPSA)—In many ways, chlorine is a highly useful element. It is commonly used to keep swimming pools clean and to whiten laundry. It's also an essential part of sodium chloride, better known as table salt.

Because of its antibacterial properties, chlorine is frequently added to municipal water supplies. However, many individuals are sensitive to chlorine in water, and can develop asthma-like symptoms from repeated exposure.

Much of that exposure comes in the shower, where chlorine can have a drying effect on hair and skin—possibly causing an itchy feeling on the skin. It can cause damage to permed or color-treated hair, and can produce an unpleasant odor and sediment.

To help reduce their exposure to chlorine, many homeowners have begun installing shower filters. Like the filtration systems that millions of people already use for cleaner drinking water, the shower models feature carbon filters to reduce chlorine content.

One example is the SR-115, from Culligan. This unit screws onto the existing shower head and



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contains a replaceable carbon filter. It reduces the amount of chlorine in the shower water without taking up any additional room in the showering area.

In addition to lower chlorine content, shower filters offer other benefits, including softer skin and more manageable hair.

The Culligan SR-115 retails for approximately \$23 and is available at such retailers as Ace, Sears and Lowes. To find the retailer nearest you, visit the Web site at www.culligan.com or call 1-800-CULLIGAN.