

reasons. Firstly, it damages the gills of the fish which ultimately kills them. Secondly it is fatal for beneficial bacteria (which is why chlorine is used in drinking water remember?).

Chlorine must be removed from the water before adding it to the aquaponics system. Chlorine is added to drinking water in one of two ways; either as chlorine gas, or chloramine.

Standing water into a bucket or container for a couple of days will dissipate chlorine gas. Chloramine needs to be removed using store bought water conditioners or neutralizers.

**If** a water conditioner or chlorine neutralizer is purchased, it is essential to ensure that it is suitable for use with fish intended for human consumption.