

# Sanitizing Fresh Water Tank

*Courtesy Ron Hawkins*

The most common method of sanitizing a fresh water system is using household bleach. Here is an alternative using “Pool Shock” granules or Calcium Hypochlorite.

1. Buy the smallest size “Pool Shock” granules, usually 16oz.
2. Keep Calcium Hypochlorite granules in an air tight container.
3. Turn off RV water pump and external water supply faucet.
4. Remove all water filters in the RV’s water supply system.
5. Open hot and cold kitchen water faucets and gray tank.
6. Insert 2 to 3 teaspoons of granules into the water fill hose.
7. Attach hose, turn on faucet until strong chlorine odor is detected.
8. Shut off water. Wait 30 minutes as tank is sanitized.
9. Turn water on for 5 minutes. Turn off and replace water filters.
10. Open all faucets (including shower) and turn water on again.
11. Wait until the chlorine odor is no longer evident from shower.
12. Close water, close faucets, empty gray tank then close gray tank valve.
13. Repeat as needed if water tastes “off” after storage.

16oz of Calcium Hypochlorite  
can sanitize 10,000 gallons of water.

