MAKING WATER WITHOUT CHLORINE OR HOW TO AGE TAP WATER

Water supplied by most municipal districts is treated with chlorine to kill bacteria which might be in the water. Chlorine is also toxic to most aquatic plants and animals. Consequently, if you put fish or plants in water right out of the tap, they may die. The chlorine is a gas dissolved in the water. If the water is exposed to air for 24 hrs, the chlorine gas will diffuse out of the water. Gases in the water will reach equilibrium with those in the air during this time. Fortunately, there is very little chlorine gas in the air, so the chlorine leaves the water. Always allow water from the tap to sit for 24 hrs before animals or plants come in contact with it.