

Preventing Water Quality Problems - Reopening Buildings

Links to Guidance

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These links are also available on MDE's website at:

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Pages/WhatsNew.aspx

Building Flushing Guidance:

1. **The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** - Information on Maintaining or Restoring Water Quality in Buildings with Low or No Use

<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/information-maintaining-or-restoring-water-quality-buildings-low-or-no-use>

2. **Purdue University, Center for Plumbing Safety** - Flushing plans

<https://engineering.purdue.edu/PlumbingSafety/resources/flushing-plans>

3. **Environmental Science, Policy, and Research Institute** - Flushing guidance for periods of low or no use

https://esprinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FINAL_Coronavirus-Building-Flushing-Guidance-20200403-rev-1.pdf

4. **Environmental Science, Policy, and Research Institute** - Reducing risk to staff flushing buildings

https://esprinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/FINAL_Reducing-Risk-to-Staff-Flushing-Buildings-20200501.pdf

Other Resources:

1. **The United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC)** - Guidance for Reopening Buildings After Prolonged Shutdown or Reduced Operation

<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/water/legionella/building-water-system.html#:~:text=After%20a%20prolonged%20shutdown%20and,for%20sampling%20and%20laboratory%20analysis>

2. **Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA)** - COVID-19 Resources for Building Water Systems

<https://www.asdwa.org/2020/04/13/covid-19-resources-for-building-water-systems/>

3. **The United States Environmental Protection Agency** - Water Utility Resources for the COVID-19 Pandemic

<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/water-utility-resources-covid-19-pandemic>