

Preparing Your Building for Reopening After an Extended Closure

Extended building closures for weeks or months reduce water usage. This can potentially lead to stagnant water inside a building's plumbing. **As a result, water can become unsafe to drink or use for personal or commercial purposes.**

Make sure to safely prepare your building for reopening. Here's how:



Step 1:

Flush the entire building, including all water-using appliances like ice machines and dishwashers.



Step 2:

Inspect mechanical equipment such as cooling towers, boilers, pumps, backflow preventers, etc., and determine if there are any issues regarding their function.



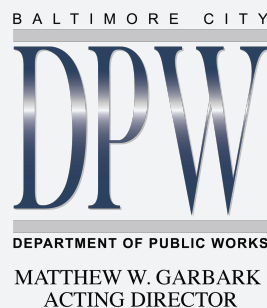
Step 3:

Disinfect buildings water systems.

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the quality of water in building plumbing systems and internal water quality. For assistance, consult a licensed plumber or engineer.

The scientists and engineers at the Environmental Science, Policy & Research Institute (ESPRI) and AH Environmental Consultants, Inc. (AH) have developed brief guidance material on how to prepare for a building reopening. For more information, please visit esprinstitute.org/coronavirus-building-flushing-guidance

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