

LVMWD Water Quality Advisory for Commercial and Business Customers - Flush Your Pipes

- With businesses beginning to reopen in the State of California, the staff and Board of Directors of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District want to remind our commercial and businesses customers to flush your pipes as part of your reopening process.
- Service connections that have either completely ceased or significantly reduced water use during this unprecedented shutdown have an increased risk of Legionella bacterial growth as well as lead and copper leaching within the plumbing system, especially from older pipes.
- This advisory specifically includes schools, industrial & retail businesses, office parks, restaurants, or any other dwelling that has not been regularly using water.
- Each building is unique, so flushing times will vary.
- Generally, you should flush hot water fixtures until the full volume of your system's water heater or boiler has been replaced with fresh water and hot water, once again, comes out of the fixture.
- For cold water, you should flush the fixture until chlorine residual is achieved.
- What's chlorine residual? It's the amount of chlorine present in our drinking water system that safeguards the water from recontamination during storage or nonuse.
- So, if your business has been unoccupied while you've been quarantining at home, be sure to flush your cold and hot water lines to replace that stagnant water with fresh water.
- The health and safety of your employees and customers depends on it!
- If you have any questions, please call our customer service line at 818-251-2200.
- Thank you