Has Your Building Been Partially or Fully Closed for Months? Flush the Water Pipes.

Drinking water is delivered through a network of pipes to businesses, long-term care facilities, schools, and other buildings. After the water flows through a meter, building owners are responsible for maintaining water quality. Flushing the water lines is an easy way to help maintain quality by moving the older water out of the pipes and bringing in fresh, high-quality water.

1. **Disconnect** any point-of-entry device filters and clean faucet aerators.

2. **Flush** all appliances that use water. Run an empty load in the dishwasher and let water flow through drinking water fountains and kitchen sink sprayers. Empty the ice from ice maker bin; run and discard two additional batches of ice.

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5. **Increase** the temperature on the hot water heater to at least 140 degrees for 30 minutes. Turn on the hot water tap closest to the water heater and in kitchens and bathrooms. Let it flow enough to drain the hot water heater.

Remember to turn off all faucets and reset the water heater.

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