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SCV Water Issues Advisory to Building Managers: Flush Building Water Systems Before Reopening for Business

Ensure the Water Quality and Safety of Your Water System After a Prolonged Shutdown

As you start planning a return to normal business operations, SCV Water wants to remind all building owners and managers of the importance of maintaining good water quality by flushing your water system ***before*** reopening your business, building or school.

Stagnant, or standing water can cause conditions that increase the risk for growth and spread of *Legionella* bacteria and other water-borne illnesses. Flushing a building's water system (which includes pipes and water-using devices), replaces all water inside the building piping with fresh water.

All businesses, buildings and schools that were closed due to Governor Newsom's March 16, 2020 "Safer at Home" order should follow the guidance set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC guidance provides a list of eight steps to take before reopening a building to ensure the water quality and safety of the building's water system. The list also includes information about decorative water features (e.g. fountains), hot tubs/spas, cooling towers and safety equipment.

To learn more, visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>

For more information about Water Quality, please contact SCV Water Quality Supervisor Ryan Bye: (661) 388-4988 or rbye@scvwa.org.

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About SCV Water:

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to approximately 74,000 business and residential customers. It was formed on January 1, 2018 when local water suppliers combined into one integrated, regional water provider. More information can be found at www.YourSCVwater.com

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