



The Central Brown County Water Authority is reminding building and facility managers of the importance of continuing good practices associated with keeping building water systems fresh and safe during periods of low usage or stagnation.

Drinking water supplied by the Water Authority is high quality and is well treated. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) encourages the continued use of tap water.

However, any time a building's water system becomes stagnant, conditions may exist that could lead to the growth and spread of bacteria in the building's water system. To avoid this, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends several steps be taken.

Among the recommendations are to:

- Flush hot and cold water lines through all points of use (e.g. sinks, showers, faucets, drinking fountains, etc.)
- Ensure water heaters and cooling towers are properly maintained
- Clean key areas like decorative fountains, other water features, tubs/spas, fire sprinklers, and other safety devices

It's important to have a plan in place for reopening a building that has lower than normal occupancy or a prolonged shutdown. For a complete list of **steps to take to ensure the safety of your building's water system and devices**, please visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>.