

Town of Batavia

Press release

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The Town of Batavia Water Department reminds businesses to flush internal water plumbing systems if your facility has been closed or unoccupied for several weeks prior to reopening.

Our public water contains a residual chlorine disinfectant. As water use in a building slows or stops, the water tends to stagnate, causing a loss of this residual disinfectant which can lead to bacteria growth, as well as taste and odor issues, discolored water, and potential leaching of higher than normal concentrations of service line and premise plumbing materials such as Lead and Copper. Keeping the water moving, flushed and refreshed, is crucial in these situations to ensure clean, clear water, free of these unhealthy contaminants.

The Town of Batavia Water Department is issuing this guidance to ensure the safety of the water supply and the health and welfare of our customers, as businesses and facilities begin to reopen. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) has issued guidance for "Maintaining or Restoring Water Quality in Buildings with little or No Use", the link can be found at

[https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-05/documents/final\\_maintaining\\_building\\_water\\_quality\\_5.6.20-v2.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-05/documents/final_maintaining_building_water_quality_5.6.20-v2.pdf)

or visit the Town of Batavia Website at <https://townofbatavia.com/> for that guidance.

For questions or assistance, you can contact the Town of Batavia Water Department at 585-356-4900.