
HRPDC WATER-FLUSHING VIDEO SCRIPT, v01

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If your building or facility has been closed for a while, you'll need to flush your water pipes before you reopen.

Why? When your building goes unused, the water in your pipes may become stagnant.

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You want to be sure that the water has been flushed out and replaced with fresh water from the utility system.

Here are the proper steps—in order—to safely flush the water pipes in your building...

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Start with the cold water and begin on the lowest floor of the building and work your way up.

Remove and clean the filters, screens and aerators from all the faucets in the building.

Then turn the cold water on fully for every faucet.

Working your way up floor by floor, leave all faucets running at the same time.

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After 30 minutes—longer for bigger buildings—turn off the faucets in the same order in which you turned them on.

You'll also need to flush the toilets and urinals, three times each.

Empty the ice from all the ice-makers, then make and discard two additional batches of ice.

And don't forget to flush any kitchen sprayers and drinking fountains.

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Onto the hot water...

Just like with the cold water, you'll need to turn all of the hot water faucets on all of the way.

This time, run the hot water for 45 minutes to ensure the water heater is flushed out.

Like before, turn off the faucets in the same order in which you turned them on.

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Finally, be sure your water heater is set to at least 120 degrees to prevent microorganisms from growing.

Now your water pipes are ready. When you take the proper precautions, you can help keep everyone in your building safe with fresh, high-quality water.