

Preventing Legionnaires' Disease

Tips for Building Managers to maintain a healthy water systems

How does *Legionella* bacteria get into buildings?

Water service disruptions, such as water main breaks, water line construction, and sudden changes in water pressure may increase the chances of contaminants, like *Legionella* bacteria, entering a building's internal water system. Once the water enters the building, the way the water is conditioned, filtered, stored, heated, cooled, and distributed affects the likelihood of *Legionella* growth.

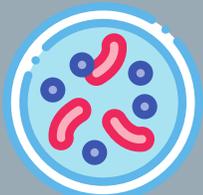
What you can do to address the problem:



Identify building water systems where *Legionella* control measures are needed. Establish a water management team.



Assess the risk your water systems pose to the spread of *Legionella*. Each building is unique, large buildings with complex water systems are more at risk.



Implement control measures to prevent the growth and spread of *Legionella*. [Click here](#) to access a helpful toolkit for developing water management programs.



Evaluate your program to determine effectiveness. Make improvements as needed to control the spread of *Legionella* bacteria.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): www.cdc.gov
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