

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.

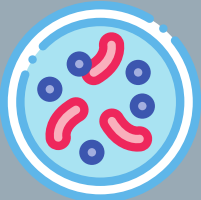
What you can do to address the problem:



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
NJ Department of Health (NJDOH): www.nj.gov/health



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