



Guidance for your Building's Water System

While businesses remained closed or operating with minimal activity to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the quality of water left sitting in private pipelines could have changed. As stay-at-home orders begin to be lifted and Oceanside businesses begin to reopen, the City of Oceanside would like to provide important safety information to ensure the water inside your business is safe for you, your employees and customers.

The City of Oceanside continues to provide water quality monitoring throughout our water distribution system. Oceanside Staff take water samples at our treatment plants and various locations throughout Oceanside. These samples are tested at our state certified laboratory and meet or exceed all state and federal health standards. However, stagnant water or standing water inside private customer pipes can create conditions that could allow for unhealthy pathogens and can create unsafe water conditions.



For your safety, Oceanside recommends businesses ensure that private water lines remain safe after the prolonged shutdown to minimize risk of diseases. The Center for Disease Control has provided [guidance for reopening buildings](#) to ensure the safety of water in your building. Below is a list of some of the precautions business owners may take to ensure their buildings are safe and operational:

- Flush your water system with hot and cold water to clear any stagnant water
- Clean all decorative water features, such as fountains
- Ensure hot tubs/spas are safe for use
- Ensure cooling towers are clean and well-maintained
- Ensure safety equipment including fire sprinkler systems, eye wash systems, and safety showers are clean and well-maintained
- Ensure your water heater is properly maintained and the temperature is correctly set

The City of Oceanside encourages businesses to learn more about ensuring water in their building is safe by visiting the [Center for Disease Control website](#) or the [California State Water Resources Control Board](#). City of Oceanside staff is also available to answer water quality questions and concerns at (760) 435-4500.