

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES AND CHURCHES TO INSURE SAFE DRINKING WATER PRIOR TO REOPENING YOUR FACILITY TO THE TOWN OF SELMA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

This information applies to businesses and churches in the Town of Selma Water Distribution System. Many non-essential businesses, retail stores, churches and other facilities have remained closed in recent weeks. When little or no water is used over a period of time, degradation of water quality can occur within the plumbing system, including pipes, tanks and appliances. These conditions increase the risk for the growth and spread of waterborne bacteria, such as Legionella or biofilm, in the building piping. Disinfectant in the water, such as chlorine, will likely dissipate or become undetectable when water is held in the plumbing system with no usage. Actions are necessary to ensure the water in the building is safe as well as taste and odor free before resumption of normal water use. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has very detailed information on flushing and reactivating plumbing systems after dormant conditions that can be found on the Link for CDC Building Water System Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>

A link to recommendations and Flushing Guidance from the Environmental Science Policy & Research Institute can be found at: https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Water%20Resources/files/pws/security/plans/final_coronavirus-building-flushing-guidance-20200403.pdf

If you need further assistance, please call 919-965-9841.