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## **UTILITIES DISTRICT**

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**M.U.D. recommends customers flush plumbing lines when reopening buildings**

April 29, 2020, Omaha, Neb.—To ensure water safety and quality, Metropolitan Utilities District encourages its customers to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations to flush plumbing lines when reopening closed or vacant buildings.

The water M.U.D. provides in the mains in the street is fresh and constantly moving. However, when a building sits vacant, the fresh water in the mains does not make it into the building.

“As the water in the building sits unused, it will stagnate causing taste and odor problems as well as have the potential to grow harmful bacteria,” said Chris Fox, director of water quality for M.U.D. “The best thing to do is flush the plumbing to bring fresh water from the main to the building.”

Step-by-step flushing instructions are available on this [FAQ list](#).

For more guidance on maintaining building plumbing, please visit the [CDC website](#).

For updates on the District’s response to COVID-19, visit [www.mudomaha.com](http://www.mudomaha.com).

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