

Important information on drinking water hygiene after a longer period of absence

Avoid legionella - protect your health.

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Dear residents, if the water pipes haven't been used for a while, for example after a holiday, it is important to flush them thoroughly before use.

To protect yourself, you should do this after you return:



Run all taps and showerheads with hot water for at least three minutes.



Also, flush the cold water pipes thoroughly until the temperature is consistent.



Flush toilets once.

Note: Open the windows while the water is running and leave the room to avoid inhaling the water mist.

Why is this important?

If water stands in pipes for a long time, it can heat up, allowing bacteria to form. In particular, legionella bacteria can multiply in this way. These bacteria can be inhaled via a fine mist of water when showering and cause legionellosis.

Further helpful information on drinking water hygiene and legionella can be obtained from your local health authority or from the website of the Federal Environment Agency at www.umweltbundesamt.de