

Legionella Mitigation Update

February 28, 2024 Commission Meeting



GRPU is dedicated to providing safe water to our community, a responsibility we share with our customers.

What is GRPU doing to reduce the risk of *Legionella*?

- Reassuring the public the water is safe to drink; *Legionella* poses a risk when water droplets are inhaled, not swallowed
- Testing water quality across the distribution system
- Designing the distribution system flushing plans
- Analyzing the source water quality and engineering the chlorination system
- Holding a community workshop at noon on Friday, March 1 at the Yanmar Arena

What can customers do?

- Regularly flush and clean showerheads and faucet aerators
- Occasionally flush hot water heaters
- Properly maintain pools, hot tubs, and humidifiers
- Maintain proper water heater temperatures
- Contact a health provider right away if experiencing pneumonia-like symptoms

Additional information:

- MDH *Legionella* and Drinking Water Summary Talking Points (attached)
- GRPU website: <https://cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/utilities/page/grpus-legionella-mitigation-updates-and-information>.