Identifying Buildings at Increased Risk

Survey your building (or property) to determine if you need a water management program to reduce the risk of *Legionella* growth and spread.

**If you answer YES to any of questions 1 through 4, you should have a water management program for that building’s hot and cold water distribution system.**

### Healthcare Facilities

Yes ____ No ____ 1. Is your building a healthcare facility where patients stay overnight or does your building house or treat people who have chronic and acute medical problems† or weakened immune systems?

Yes ____ No ____ 2. Does your building primarily house people older than 65 years (like a retirement home or assisted-living facility)?

Yes ____ No ____ 3. Does your building have multiple housing units and a centralized hot water system (like a hotel or high-rise apartment complex)?

Yes ____ No ____ 4. Does your building have more than 10 stories (including basement levels)?

### Devices in buildings that can spread contaminated water droplets

Should have a water management program even if the building itself does not. If you answer NO to all of questions 1 through 4 but YES to any of questions 5 through 8, you should have a water management program for that device.

Yes ____ No ____ 5. Does your building have a cooling tower*?

Yes ____ No ____ 6. Does your building have a hot tub (also known as a spa) that is not drained between each use?

Yes ____ No ____ 7. Does your building have a decorative fountain?

Yes ____ No ____ 8. Does your building have a centrally-installed mister, atomizer, air washer, or humidifier?

**If you answer NO to questions 1 through 8, you should still maintain water systems according to manufacturer recommendations.** On properties with multiple buildings, prioritize buildings that house or treat people who are at increased risk for Legionnaires’ disease (see Appendix A to learn who is at increased risk).

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**The building standards discussed in this toolkit do not apply to single-family or small multiple-family residences (e.g., duplexes), even those with the devices in questions 6 through 8, but residents do need to take steps to protect themselves from waterborne diseases.**

Homeowners should follow local and state guidelines for household water use, and owners of the devices in questions 6 through 8 should follow the manufacturer’s instructions regarding cleaning, disinfecting, and maintenance.

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†Burns, cancer, solid organ or bone marrow transplant, kidney disease, diabetes, or chronic lung disease

*For a definition of a cooling tower, visit [www.cti.org/whatis/coolingtower.shtml](http://www.cti.org/whatis/coolingtower.shtml)