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### Checklist encouraged by Tasmanian utilities for business owners

Two Tasmanian utilities are encouraging business owners and managers to ensure buildings which have had little or no use are safe and operating efficiently.

As many Tasmanians are returning to work with the easing of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) restrictions, TasWater and TasNetworks have developed a water and electricity safety checklist to assist building owners safely return their people to the workplace.

TasWater Leader Water Systems Performance Luc Richard said business owners and managers should check plumbing, water treatment systems, hot water systems and taps.

“This can be done by reviewing plumbing configuration and water usage in buildings, ensuring plumbing is in good working order, inspect hot water systems and water treatment systems, flush the building’s plumbing system and ensure meters are working and accurate,” he said.

“By doing so, this helps ensure the reliability of safe drinking water and efficient sewage services.”

TasNetworks’ General Manager of People, Culture and Community, Justine McDermott, is also encouraging business owners and managers to check electrical cords, outlets and circuitry.

“In buildings, especially ones that have been unoccupied for some time, people should be keeping an eye out for any damage, including moisture or water damage, signs of rodents and insects, circuit breakers or safety switches which may have tripped and blown fuses,” she said.

Tasmanian utilities are working together to ensure Tasmanians continue to receive essential water, sewage and electricity services along with playing their parts to assist the state as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information and to access the checklist, visit either the TasWater or TasNetworks Facebook pages or websites: [www.taswater.com.au](http://www.taswater.com.au) or [www.tasnetworks.com.au](http://www.tasnetworks.com.au)

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