

2020 Fall Semester – Preparation for Reopening

As part of the Purchase College water quality program and in preparation for the campus reopening, the Facilities Management Group (FMG) is taking steps to ensure the water supply has been adequately flushed.

Prior to the fall semester FMG will be turning on all faucets in each building daily between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and allowing the water flush until any discoloration clears. Fire hydrants at locations that move the most water will also be flushed daily.

In addition to flushing the system this exercise will help us identify issues related to clogged sinks or faucets that need repair.

To verify adequate flushing, FMG will check chlorine residual levels in the residential facilities prior to students moving in. At least one tap on each floor of the building will be checked for chlorine residual levels. FMG will also collect random water samples which will be analyzed for the presence of lead or excessive bacteria.

Results will be recorded and given to Louis Wirtz, Associate Director, Environmental, Health & Safety to determine if further action is needed.

We anticipate beginning during the 1st two weeks in August.