

**Water Quality - Recommended Frequency of Testing  
from Legionnaires' disease - The control of legionella bacteria in water  
systems" APPROVED CODE OF PRACTICE & GUIDANCE L8**

Service	Task	Frequency
Hot Water Services	Check water temperature up to one minute to see if it has reached 50°C in the sentinel taps.	Monthly
	Check temperatures in flow and return at calorifiers.	Monthly
	Arrange for samples to be taken from hot water calorifiers, in order to note condition of drain water.	Annually
	Visual check on internal surfaces of calorifier for scale and sludge. Check representative taps for temperature as above on a rotational basis.	Annually
Cold Water Services	Check that temperature is below 20° after running the water for up to 2 minutes in the sentinel taps.	Monthly
	Check tank water temperature remote from ball valve and mains temperature at ball valve. Note maximum temperatures recorded by fixed min/max thermometers where fitted.	Six Monthly
	Visually inspect cold water storage tanks and carry out remedial works where necessary. Check representative taps for temperature as above on a rotational basis.	Six Monthly
Shower Heads	Dismantle, clean and descale shower heads and hoses.	Quarterly (or as necessary)
Little Used Outlets	Flush through and purge to drain, or purge to drain immediately before use, without use of aerosols.	Weekly