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# WATER WHAT IS IT WORTH TO YOU?



**BE PREPARED** 





- Spread the word in your community about the importance of a reliable water supply
- Protect local water sources
- Store 3 gallons of water per family member for use during emergencies
- Read your water bills and inserts to learn more about your utility
- Help your utility by conserving water as much as possible



- bipes threaten our water and wastewater services every day
- Know your water and wastewater service providers
- Revenue from water rates provides you with clean and safe water



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\$384 BILLION

needed to improve drinking water infrastructure through 2030

## WHICH ONE COULD YOU LIVE WITHOUT?

Average
U.S. household
monthly
utility costs



## 2.1 TRILLION

gallons of water wasted annually from water main breaks

### **OUR WATER SYSTEM IS AT RISK**

Trillions of gallons of water are transported through millions of miles of pipeline: But our pipe systems are old and need to be upgraded ...

240,000

water main breaks occur every year, approx. 658 per day

... and there are OTHER threats to our water system:



major hurricanes occur per decade, with the damage causing water shortages and contamination



percent of hazardous waste leakages and spills have contaminated nearby groundwater



percent of U.S. farmland recently suffered moderate to extreme drought, jeopardizing our food supply

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