



- ▶ Severe weather and aging pipes 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
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Support water system upgrades
- ▶ Spread the word in your community about the importance of a reliable water supply
- ▶ Protect local water sources

SHOW YOU CARE 

BE PREPARED 

BE AWARE 

CLEAN, SAFE WATER IS ESSENTIAL

WATER WHAT IS IT WORTH TO YOU?

Can you imagine your life without clean and safe water?



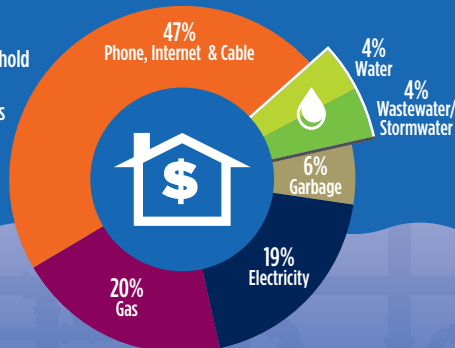
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\$384
BILLION

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:



5.6

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



80+

percent of hazardous
waste leakages
and spills have
contaminated nearby
groundwater



50+

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



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