Clean, Safe Water is Essential

WATER: What is it Worth to You?

Can you imagine your life without clean and safe water?

- Protect local water sources
- Ensure a reliable water supply
- Spread the word in your community about the importance of clean water
- Support water system upgrades
- Conserve water by storing water during emergencies
- Read your water bills and inserts to learn more about your utility
- Help your utility by conserving water as much as possible
- Revenue from water rates provides you with clean and safe water
- Know your water service providers and wastewater services
- Every day severe weather and aging pipes threaten our water supply
- Support water system upgrades
- Spread the word in your community about the importance of a reliable water supply
- Protect local water sources

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WHICH ONE COULD YOU LIVE WITHOUT?

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$384 BILLION
needed to improve drinking water infrastructure through 2030

**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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