WATER: WHAT IS IT WORTH TO YOU?

Can you imagine your life without clean and safe water?

*Clean, safe water is essential.*

**BE AWARE**

- Revenue from water rates provides you with clean and safe water.
- Be aware severe weather and aging pipes threaten our water and wastewater services.
- Know your water service providers.

**BE PREPARED**

- 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.

**SHOW YOU CARE**

- Support water system upgrades.
- Protect local water sources.
- Spread the word in your community about the importance of reliable water supply.

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$384 billion needed to improve drinking water infrastructure through 2030

Average U.S. household monthly utility costs:
- 47% Phone, Internet & Cable
- 4% Water
- 6% Wastewater/Stormwater
- 19% Electricity
- 20% Gas
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2.1 trillion gallons of water wasted annually from water main breaks

WHICH ONE COULD YOU LIVE WITHOUT?

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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