



Imagine a Day Without Water

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Imagine a Day Without Water: A Chance to Learn More About Your Water

Water, a seemingly unending resource, plays a significant role in our lives, yet the infrastructure needed to maintain access to our homes and businesses is often out of sight and therefore out of mind. You wake up, shower, make your coffee, clean your car, feed your family, flush the toilet, and wash your laundry. But have you thought about where your water comes from or where your wastewater goes?

October 20 is the US Water Alliance's Imagine a Day Without Water National Day of Action, where people across the United States engage in opportunities to learn about our nation's water systems and the hard work that goes into ensuring a day without water doesn't become a reality for your community.

In the United States, most water systems are more than a century old. An increasingly disruptive and volatile climate and nearly 50 decades of underinvestment in our aging water infrastructure have kept over two million Americans from accessing safe and reliable water and wastewater services.

[Insert a few sentences or a paragraph about a specific local water challenge in your area.] Regardless of these challenges, we believe a better future is possible.

According to the [2022 Annual Value of Water Index](#), Americans are growing more uncertain about the nation's water infrastructure. Ensuring drinking water is safe remains among the top federal priorities for voters. Together, we can urge public officials to take responsibility for and invest in our water today and tomorrow.

For many Americans, living a day without water is a harsh reality, not something to be imagined. Black, Hispanic, Latine, Indigenous, and other people of color are the most likely to experience a lack of access to clean drinking water or sanitation in their homes. When this happens, we can't bathe our children, prepare meals, wash our clothes, or fill a glass with cold, clean drinking water from our taps.

Water is the lifeline of our communities. Investing in our water and wastewater infrastructure will ensure you have a fresh glass of water each morning, firefighters can fight annual wildfires, hospitals may stay safe and sanitary, and employment opportunities in the water sector

continue and grow. If the United States closes the water infrastructure investment gap, hundreds of thousands of new jobs will become available over the next few decades alone.

Join us on this National Day of Action by taking the [#OneWaterPledge](#). The pledge provides opportunities for you to understand how central water is to your daily life. Learn more about the water sources in your area, and reach out to local politicians and determine if water infrastructure is a top priority. Visit your local water and wastewater utilities' websites to learn more about the investments they're making in your community.

We know how important water is. It's up to us to keep the conversation going and ensure that the systems that deliver this valuable resource are reliable for generations to come.