

Missouri American Water celebrates Drinking Water Week and 50th anniversary of Safe Drinking Water Act

ST. LOUIS, MO. (May 6, 2024) – Missouri American Water proudly joins communities across the country in celebrating Drinking Water Week, an annual observance led by the [American Water Works Association](#) (AWWA). Taking place May 5-11, Drinking Water Week serves to highlight the importance of safe drinking water and recognize the tireless efforts of local water professionals who keep it flowing around the clock. This year's celebration coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

Passed in 1974, the SDWA set strong water quality standards for the nation's drinking water and established a regulatory framework to safeguard the public health and safety of U.S. citizens. Missouri American Water recognizes the act's significant contributions to improving and protecting water quality and emphasizes the need for continued investment and scientific evaluation to address emerging challenges through daily operations.

"As the water service provider for one in four Missourians, our employees take great pride in delivering high-quality water to the communities we serve while remaining focused on upholding the ideals of the Safe Water Drinking Act," said Rich Svindland, president of Missouri American Water. "Maintaining the quality and service we provide requires continual system investment replacing aging pipes, plants and pumps while remaining focused on evolving regulations."

Missouri American Water is investing more than \$500 million statewide in 2024 to maintain reliable water service. Projects include replacing over 90 miles of aging water pipes. These projects improve system reliability, and in cases where the pipe is upsized can also enhance community fire protection.

Additional projects throughout the state include:

- St. Louis County - Replacement of the intake pumps at the south water treatment plant
- Jefferson City - Construction of a new filter building at the water treatment plant
- St. Joseph - Upgrades to the Faraon and Randolph booster stations
- Joplin – Construction of a new carbon feed system and replacement of the chlorine feed system at the treatment plant
- Warrensburg - Replacement of the ozone system at the water treatment plant
- Eureka, Maplewood (near Sedalia) and Smithton – Construction of new wastewater lift stations

Missouri American Water customers can learn more about pipe replacement projects by visiting [missouriamwater.com](#) and clicking on the News and Community tab.

Reports are also available for customers to learn about the quality of their local water by visiting [water quality reports](#).

About Missouri American Water

Missouri American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.6 million people.

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