Iowa American Water Inspects More Than 8,500 Fire Hydrants to Keep Them Ready When Fire Departments Need Them

Annual checks of pressure, water quality and operational readiness help support reliable service and fire protection across Iowa American Water's systems.

DAVENPORT, Iowa (November 18, 2026) – Iowa American Water field employees have completed the company's annual inspection of more than 8,500 company-owned fire hydrants across its Iowa water systems, helping ensure hydrants are ready for local fire departments and that those departments have the water they need to protect people, homes and businesses, while supporting safe, reliable water service for customers.

Annual hydrant inspections are part of Iowa American Water's ongoing work to maintain its water distribution systems and provide safe, reliable service to customers. During each inspection, field employees make sure the hydrant can be easily located and isn't hidden by overgrown vegetation, check its paint condition, and check and lubricate the caps. They also check static pressure, open and flush the hydrant, and measure the residual disinfectant (chlorine) concentration to help confirm water quality. Finally, they close the hydrant and make sure it drains properly. Together, these steps confirm that each hydrant is operational and ready for use by local fire departments, while helping identify any maintenance needs.

"Maintaining a reliable water system is about much more than responding when something goes wrong. It's the work our employees perform every day to monitor and maintain the infrastructure our communities depend on," said **Tony Loete, Vice President of Operations for Iowa American Water**. "Inspecting more than 8,500 hydrants means confirming that each one is accessible, working properly and ready for our local fire departments, and that the water is safe. When we find a hydrant that needs attention, we act quickly. I'm proud of our field employees for completing this important work and for their continued commitment to providing safe and reliable service to our customers and communities."

Hydrants serve an important role within a community's water distribution system, providing local fire departments access to water for emergency response. Keeping that infrastructure properly maintained is one part of Iowa American Water's broader approach to strengthening system reliability and supporting public safety.

The annual inspection program also complements Iowa American Water's ongoing infrastructure investment. The company invests approximately **$45 million to $55 million annually** in pipes, treatment facilities, storage, pumping, technology, resiliency and other critical infrastructure in Iowa. These planned investments are intended to improve reliability and long-term system performance, while supporting water quality, pressure and fire protection.

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