

# WATER WHAT IS IT WORTH TO YOU?

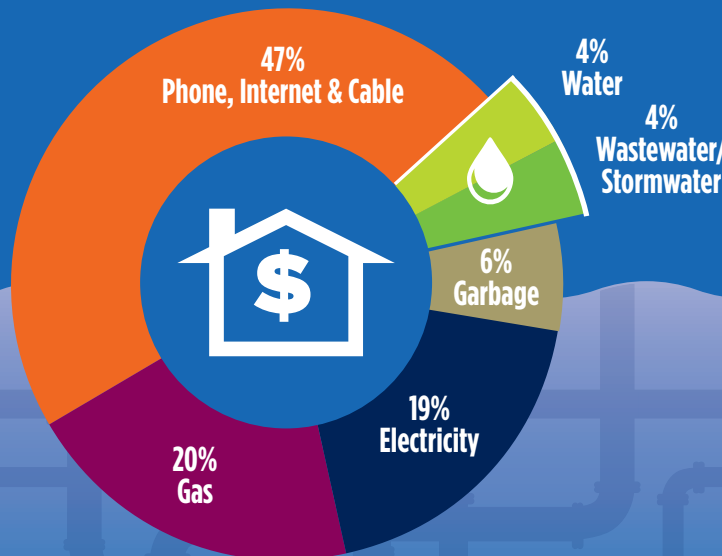
Can you imagine your life without clean and safe water?



**\$384**  
BILLION

needed to improve drinking water infrastructure through 2030

**WATER: NECESSARY — YET UNDERVALUED**  
National average — household monthly utility costs



**2.1**

TRILLION gallons of water wasted annually from water main breaks

## OUR WATER SYSTEM IS AT RISK

Trillions of gallons of water are transported through millions of miles of pipeline: But our water 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

## CLEAN, SAFE WATER IS ESSENTIAL

### BE AWARE

- ▶ Severe weather and aging pipes threaten our water and wastewater services every day
- ▶ Know your water and wastewater service providers
- ▶ Revenue from water rates provides you with clean and safe water

### 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
- ▶ Spread the word in your community about the importance of a reliable water supply
- ▶ Protect local water sources