

## **Learn more** about your drinking water system this summer!



Visit the **Tapping into Clean Water Exhibit** at the Science Factory, 2300 Leo Harris Parkway in Eugene. **sciencefactory.org** 

Tap water is more than a convenience, it is central to our everyday lives. Rainbow Water District, Springfield Utility Board and the Eugene Water & Electric Board are committed to water quality and water system reliability. Our goal is to minimize prolonged community-wide disruptions in water service.

DRINKING WATER IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR DAILY LIVES. But we use it for more than just slaking our thirst. Every time we wash dishes, fight a fire, or swim in a pool, we are using drinking water.

The systems required to bring water to our taps often go unseen. Most water mains and valves are buried under streets, and filtration facilities, pumps and storage reservoirs are usually built in out-of-the-way places. This makes it easy to take clean drinking water for granted. But for less than a penny a gallon, these complex construction and engineering projects reliably deliver clean water to our homes and businesses.

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## Tap water costs about a penny a gallon.

## What value does that penny buy?





Water source protection programs prevent pollution and contaminants from entering the source of supply.



Filtration plants are necessary to produce clean drinking water from a water source.



Wells pump water from a groundwater source and may have their own treatment systems.





Water mains carry water to homes, businesses and factories throughout the system.



Pump stations move water from the water source(s) through water mains to home, businesses and factories.



Water tanks store water to provide a sufficient supply of water for drinking, firefighting and to maintain water pressure.



Connections to neighboring water systems provide an emergency and temporary water supply.

## MANY OF TODAY'S WATER SYSTEMS WERE BUILT MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO.

Thanks to investments by past generations, we've had the luxury of delaying the infrastructure replacements necessary to maintain reliable water delivery. Now it is our turn to make the investment to maintain safe, reliable drinking water for future generations.