



## Imagine a Day Without Water

Imagine a day without water.

Imagine getting up, showering, brushing your teeth, having coffee, eating at restaurants, and visiting the doctor or a business that uses water in its activities – but imagine it all without water.

When residents turn on the tap, they expect clean, safe and reliable water, and that is what Cascade Water Alliance delivers to its 350,000 residents and 20,000 businesses every day.

Recognizing that an investment in our drinking water and wastewater systems is essential to our health, safety and economic prosperity, Cascade and its members -- Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond, Tukwila, Sammamish Plateau Water and the Skyway Water and Sewer District -- are asking residents to imagine such a day, said Fred Butler, Cascade Chair and mayor of Issaquah.



Cascade is part of the national “Imagine a Day Without Water” effort on Oct. 12 to highlight the issue of aging water infrastructure and the need for investments in water systems. Cascade has been studying the need for resiliency, focusing on our long-term ability to deliver water following events like an earthquake or the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Imagine all that water, and not a drop to drink. Imagine how severely these events stress local water systems. Along with other water providers across the country, Cascade is promoting education and advocacy about the value of water to raise awareness about the crucial need for investment in the nation’s water infrastructure.

A single day without water service nationwide would put \$43.5 billion of economic activity at risk. In eight days without water, nearly two million jobs would be in jeopardy. Locally, it would have a drastic impact.

“Our Cascade partnership ensures safe, reliable, clean drinking water to our water systems through 1,600 miles of pipes, 60 pump stations, 25 wells, 11 treatment facilities and 25,000 fire hydrants serving Cascade’s member communities,” said Butler.

“We work hard to make sure that when you turn on your taps, clean, safe and delicious water is always available, and our members have consistently invested in its infrastructure,” Butler added.

Along with other water providers across the country, Cascade is participating in the “Imagine a Day without Water” to raise awareness about the crucial need for investment in our nation’s water infrastructure. By doing so, Cascade and its members are part of the national effort to ensure that no American community is left without safe reliable water.

So today – and everyday - as you turn on your tap, think about the water that comes to your home or business and how essential it is to your day to day life.

And then, imagine a day without it.

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