



**SPRINGFIELD WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**  
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**Celebrate Drinking Water Week!**  
*May 3 – 9, 2015*

Each year, the water community celebrates National Drinking Water Week during the first week of May. Drinking Water Week is a time to recognize the value of water by learning about the critical role water plays in our daily lives and in the quality of life that we enjoy. Drinking water systems are critical to:

- Protecting public health
- Providing adequate fire protection
- Supporting economic development
- Enhancing quality of life

To commemorate the occasion, the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission has set up educational displays at five of the Springfield Library branches as well as the Hubbard Memorial Library in Ludlow. In addition, representatives of the Commission will attend the 7<sup>th</sup> annual “Day on the Hill” at the State House in Boston. This annual event gives the water community the opportunity to talk with legislators about issues related to drinking water.

The Commission invites the community to join the celebration. Here’s how you can participate:

- ✓ Learn about the importance of drinking water and water-related issues by visiting <http://thevalueofwater.org/> and <http://waterworkscampaign.org/>.
- ✓ Use water wisely by practicing water conservation.
- ✓ Support efforts to upgrade underground infrastructure.
- ✓ Learn about your local water system.
- ✓ Support efforts to protect drinking water.
- ✓ Join the conversation about drinking water on social media with the hashtags [#DrinkingWaterWeek15](#) and [#ValueofWater](#).



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**Upcoming Community Events:**

On Saturday, May 16, the Commission will hand out glasses of Springfield's own water to guests at The Spirit of Springfield's annual Pancake Breakfast.

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