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Imagine a Day Without Water
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Springfield Water and Sewer Commission Invites Public to Tour Its Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities

In celebration of this year's Imagine a Day Without Water, a nationwide campaign of education and advocacy about the value of water, the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is offering tours of its drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities for interested members of the public.

A tour of the wastewater treatment plant, at 190 M Street (Bondi's Island) in Agawam, will be held on Friday, October 12, at 2:30 PM. Visitors will be able to view the full treatment process and understand how the water they use is collected, cleaned, and released into the Connecticut River.

A tour of the drinking water treatment plant, at 1515 Granville Road in Westfield, will take place on Friday, October 12, at 5 PM. Visitors will learn and see how water from the Cobble Mountain Reservoir is filtered, treated, and delivered for consumption by 250,000 customers in the lower Pioneer Valley.

Each tour is limited to 20 participants, age 10 and up, and will last approximately 60-90 minutes.

Participants must arrange their own transportation to and from the facilities. Participants are advised that



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each tour includes some outdoor walking and close-toed shoes are required. Light refreshments will be served.

To learn more, visit <http://waterandsewer.org/education-and-community/Imagine-day-without-water-2018/>. To sign up, email jaimye.bartak@waterandsewer.org or call (413) 452-1302 by **October 10, 2018**. Customers of the Commission's retail or wholesale service areas (Springfield, Ludlow, Wilbraham, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Agawam, and West Springfield) will be given preference.

Imagine a Day Without Water aims to elevate awareness of the value of water, and the importance of water and wastewater infrastructure to public health, the economy, and quality of life. For more information visit: www.thevalueofwater.org.

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission provides retail, wholesale, and emergency drinking water and wastewater services to 250,000 customers in ten communities in the lower Pioneer Valley. For more information, visit <http://waterandsewer.org/>.

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