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New Jersey American Water Encourages Customers to Stop Leaks and Save Money During Fix a Leak Week

VOORHEES, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [New Jersey American Water](#) has partnered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to promote the ninth annual [Fix a Leak Week](#), which runs from March 20-26. The national campaign, part of the EPA's WaterSense program, is designed to raise awareness about small leaks and other water that may be inadvertently wasted within homes.

"Even the smallest leaks can waste thousands of gallons per year, which has an impact on your water bill," said Rob MacLean, New Jersey American Water President. "Fortunately, most common leaks are correctable with only a few tools and small hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings. And being proactive in checking for leaks, and fixing them in a timely manner can easily be incorporated as part of spring cleaning."

With more than 110 million households in this country, a seemingly minor leak from a faucet, toilet, or showerhead collectively results in a tremendous amount of wasted water -- more than a trillion gallons of water are lost annually nationwide through leaks occurring within our homes, with the average residence losing 10,000 gallons a year this way. However, through initiatives like Fix a Leak Week, New Jersey American Water hopes to significantly reduce that amount among its customers.

New Jersey American Water does its part to prevent leaks, too, by proactively upgrading aging water mains and service lines in its distribution system. In 2016, New Jersey American Water invested over \$350 million in [infrastructure improvements](#) - nearly \$1 million a day - to replace or upgrade water infrastructure, fix leaks and provide clean, safe, reliable water to its customers.

To assist customers with at-home leak repairs and prevention, New Jersey American Water offers an [educational infographic](#) as a quick guide for finding and fixing common, and some not-so-common, indoor and outdoor water leaks. A downloadable [leak detection kit](#) is also available on the company's website, www.newjerseyamwater.com, under Water Information. Customers can also learn about how silent leaks waste water and money by watching this [educational video](#).

New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 2.7 million people. More information can be found at www.newjerseyamwater.com. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest and most geographically diverse publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. The company employs 6,800 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.

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