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Iowa American Water Reminds Customers That Each Drop Adds Up During Fix a Leak Week

Stop leaks and save money with free materials and resources to help reduce the trillion-plus gallons of water lost in residential leaks every year

DAVENPORT, IOWA (March 22, 2018) – Iowa American Water and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are reaching out to promote Fix a Leak Week, which runs from March 19-25. The national campaign, part of the EPA's WaterSense program, helps to raise awareness about small leaks and other water that may be inadvertently wasted within homes. With more than 110 million households in this country, a seemingly minor leak from a faucet, showerhead, toilet, or other appliance can collectively result in a tremendous amount of wasted water. With the average residence losing 10,000 gallons a year, this means that more than a trillion gallons of water are lost annually nationwide through leaks occurring within homes. Through initiatives like Fix a Leak Week, the hope is that by prompting action, that amount can be significantly reduced.

"Most people may not realize that even the smallest leaks can waste thousands of gallons per year, which has an impact on water bills," said Randy Moore, Iowa American Water President. "For the customers we serve in Iowa that means collectively up to 580 million gallons of water are being lost to leaks annually. Fortunately, most common leaks are easily correctable, and can be incorporated as part of spring cleaning routines."

On an institutional level, Iowa American Water is committed to fixing leaks by replacing or upgrading water infrastructure in order to provide clean, safe, reliable water to customers, investing approximately \$16 million in infrastructure improvements in 2017. To assist customers with at-home leak repairs and prevention, Iowa American Water has produced a helpful infographic including tips on finding and fixing common, and some not-so-common, indoor and outdoor water leaks. A downloadable leak detection kit is also available through American Water's website, www.amwater.com.

About Iowa American Water

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