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Birmingham Water Works Educates Customers on Household Leak Detection *Annual Fix a Leak Week takes place March 14 - March 18*

(BIRMINGHAM, Ala. March 14, 2022) — Birmingham Water Works (BWW) is helping the community save money on water bills by informative tips and literature during Fix a Leak Week, which runs from March 14-18, 2022.

Every March, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hosts Fix a Leak Week. Throughout this week, the organization encourages Americans to look for leaks within and outside of their homes to help save water.

According to the EPA, household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, and ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Household leaks are a common reason for a consumer's water bill to be higher than expected. The most common household leaks are caused by worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks and other common household leaks can be easily fixed sometimes without the aid of a professional plumber.

By fixing these common leaks, a consumer can save around 10 percent on their water bill each month. Customers can visit BWW's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram account this week to see some helpful information about fixing leaks within their homes. **In addition, customers who visit the BWW Payment Center at 3600 1st Avenue North in Birmingham will be able to pick up a free toilet flapper replacement kit. These kits will be available while supplies last.**

"Birmingham Water Works is proud to be a partner in this initiative to help our customers learn how to detect and fix leaks in and around their homes. Many will be amazed at how much leaks can impact the price of water bills," says BWWB Public Relations Manager & Spokesman Rick Jackson.

Founded in 1951, the Birmingham Water Works Board (BWWB) serves nearly 770,000 people in Jefferson, Shelby, Blount, St. Clair, and Walker counties. The BWWB operates four filtration plants, a certified testing laboratory, and has more than 4,000 miles of pipe in its distribution network; it ranked among the top five water systems in the United States. For more information about the Birmingham Water Works Board, media inquiries, or tours of our museum, please call 205-244-4000 or visit www.bwwb.org

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