



Quality of life

Here in Springfield and Eugene, tap water is more than a convenience; it is central to our everyday lives.

Rainbow Water District, Springfield Utility Board and the Eugene Water & Electric Board are committed to water system reliability. Residents and businesses should not have to go without water — even for a single day.

- Water is essential for life, sanitation and daily household tasks
- Public drinking water is vital to the day-to-day operations of businesses and a strong economy
- Well-maintained water systems are critical in providing reliable fire protection.



Delivering clean water

The first obligation of the **Rainbow Water District, Springfield Utility Board, and Eugene Water & Electric Board** is to provide water that is safe for consumption. In a world where 3 million people die each year from preventable water-borne diseases, our water systems allow you to drink from any public tap with a high assurance of safety.

For more information:

Eugene Water & Electric Board

www.eweb.org

541-685-7000

Rainbow Water District

www.rwdonline.net

541-746-1676

Springfield Utility Board

www.subutil.com

541-746-8451



Do you know
the **value**
of your water?



Pipes don't last forever

It's easy to take drinking water for granted. We don't often think about what we can't see, like the infrastructure behind our taps: the treatment facilities, water

Did you know?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that water utilities nationwide need more than \$350 billion in upgrades between now and 2030 for water systems to continue to provide safe drinking water.



Every day, Eugene and Springfield residents turn on their taps and get safe, clean water.

**Water is available
24 hours a day
– year round**

for drinking, household use, fire protection and keeping gardens green.



pipelines, pumps and storage reservoirs. For just pennies a gallon, these systems deliver clean water directly to our homes and businesses.

Much of today's public water systems were built more than 50 years ago. Thanks to investments by past generations, we had the luxury of delaying the infrastructure replacement necessary to maintain reliable water delivery. We now face the problem of financing and rebuilding those systems before they fail.



The money for operating and maintaining your water system largely comes from water delivery charges. Unfortunately, those charges have not included the full cost of replacing the existing infrastructure. This is, in large part, why the cost of water is rising here in Oregon and across the nation.

The good news is that Eugene and Springfield water rates remain inexpensive, and tap water is an outstanding value for area residents.