



**Imagine a Day Without Water**  
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Without water, how do you take a shower, wash your clothes, or brew your coffee?

You can't.

Water plays a critical role in all that we do. We use water to cook spaghetti and make pizza dough. We use it to make soda pop and cleaning disinfectants for hospitals, for putting out fires, and for scrubbing pollutants out of industrial smokestacks. None of these would be possible without a safe and reliable water infrastructure.

Even in New England, a region typically rich with annual rainfall, we should never take for granted the importance of CLEAN water.

This year, October 10<sup>th</sup> is Imagine a Day Without Water, a national day of action to raise awareness about the value of water. We have the opportunity to leverage our collective power, educate our decision makers, and inspire our communities to put water infrastructure on the agenda. There is a groundswell of communities and partners coming together to promote safe and reliable water systems on Imagine a Day Without Water. Together, on this fourth annual day of action, we can make a difference.

At the Upper Blackstone, we are a critical part of the water cycle. We are committed to cleaning the water that supports this region. The dirty water we treat is returned to the environment where it is utilized again for recreation and wildlife habitat and even to supply someone else's drinking water. Each year we treat about 11 billion gallons of water! That's enough water to fill more than 16,500 Olympic size swimming pools.

Wastewater treatment is one of those quiet professions that you don't hear about very often. But it is no exaggeration that wastewater treatment saves more lives in a day than most doctors will in their lifetime. We conduct sampling and inspections in communities to help prevent hard-to-treat pollutants like heavy metals from entering the environment. We utilize a biological treatment process with microbes that are naturally occurring in soil to remove organics and nutrients before water is discharged to the Blackstone River.

It is only possible to maintain and upgrade water infrastructure with consistent adequate funding. Thank you for paying your water and sewer bill and making it possible for us to continue our stewardship. Remember that everything that goes down the drain is connected to the environment. Please support your local water professionals.

If you are interested in learning more about how Upper Blackstone helps to protect the environment, contact us to schedule a tour.