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Birmingham Water Works continues partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency for Fix a Leak Week

Birmingham, AL – (March 18, 2024) – Birmingham Water Works (BWW) is thrilled to announce the annual partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Fix a Leak Week, running from March 18-24, 2024. This collaboration underscores BWW's commitment to sustainability and the vital importance of water conservation in our community.

Fix a Leak Week aims to address the startling fact that the average household's leaks can waste nearly 10,000 gallons of water each year. Astonishingly, ten percent of homes have leaks that squander 90 gallons or more per day. Common culprits include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. Fortunately, many of these issues are easily remediable with basic tools and hardware, promising significant savings on water bills—up to 10 percent annually for homeowners who tackle these leaks.

Why is this partnership important? Beyond the immediate benefits of water conservation and cost savings for individual households, our collaboration with the EPA serves a larger purpose. It highlights the power of collective action in tackling environmental challenges and sets a precedent for future cooperative efforts. Through educational initiatives and practical solutions, we aim to inspire a widespread commitment to sustainability within our community.

During Fix a Leak Week, Birmingham Water Works is excited to offer our customers complimentary property inspections to identify leaks. Additionally, participants will receive free toilet flapper kits, further facilitating easy home repairs. To schedule your free inspection, please contact our customer service at 205-244-4000.

We also encourage our customers to visit https://bit.ly/Leaktipsbwwb for invaluable resources on leak detection and prevention. Learning how to identify and fix leaks is a crucial skill that can

lead to significant savings and environmental benefits. We recommend inspecting for leaks annually and applying best practices and tips to ensure a sustainable home environment.

Moreover, customers can be reimbursed for leaks that have been repaired. For more information, please visit the leak policy section on our website under customer information at bwwb.org.

Join us in making a difference during Fix a Leak Week. Together, we can safeguard our precious water resources, save money, and contribute to a healthier planet.

About Birmingham Water Works:

Founded in 1951, Birmingham Water Works (BWW) serves nearly 770,000 people in Jefferson, Shelby, Blount, St. Clair, and Walker counties. BWW 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.