

# The Wonders of Water



# Celebrate Water Week

## How much water does it take?

Did you know that it takes water to grow everything that we eat? Did you know that it takes water to produce almost all of the products that we use every day? Test your water knowledge. How much water does it take to make....

Car: 39,090 gallons

Egg: 400 gallons

Light bulb: 15 gallons to light 60 watt light bulb for 12 hours

Hamburger: 4,000-18,000 gallons

Corr: 1 lb. of corn takes 110 gallons

Bread: 10 gallons for 1 slice of bread

Cotton Tee Shirt: 700 gallons

Orange: 13 gallons

Smart Phone: 4 gallons to charge for one month



[www.waterweek.org](http://www.waterweek.org)

Sources of Information:  
The Water Footprint Network  
Water Content of Things  
US Geological Survey  
Treehugger: A Discovery Company

In 2007 Governor John Huntsman Jr. signed the proclamation declaring the first full week in May as Water Week. During Water Week the **Intermountain Section AWWA** is hosting and coordinating many events and activities. Through these events and activities, we hope to promote the importance of water and help educate people on the importance of preserving and conserving this resource!

#### **CITIES AND TOWNS PROGRAM**

This program is geared towards mayors and city councils members. The program specifically suggests that the elected public officials coordinate with their local drinking water, wastewater and storm water utilities to plan Water Week activities. The mayors are sent a letter in February explaining the program. In March the cities and towns will be sent a package of material to help them develop programs for Water Week. The packages include:

- Water Week Poster touting “The Wonders of Water”. We ask that they post this in a noticeable location in their City Hall.
- A sample “Mayor’s Proclamation” designating the first week in May as Water Week. This can be presented during a City Council meeting or other such meeting.
- Radio Public Service Announcements that we have requested be played on their local radio station.
- A Banner Ad which can be placed on their website promoting Water Week.
- Sample Press Release that they can submit to their local news outlets.

#### **SCOUTING BADGE PROGRAM**

This program is designed to help Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts earn their badges/awards related to water. Specific programs were developed with lesson plans by the Intermountain Section AWWA. The Scouts will be invited to various water facilities throughout Utah to complete the lessons with Intermountain Section AWWA Staff and Volunteers.

#### **THE LIBRARY PROGRAM**

The Public Library Program was initiated in 2007 with approximately 25 libraries. This year **over 200 libraries** will participate. This will allow us to reach out to communities with information related to water, wastewater and stormwater. The libraries are each provided with a package of material to create a Water Week display, as well as a children’s book for their collection. The libraries are asked to organize story hours for young children using the donated book. Additionally, a list of water related books is provided to the library to extend the readings, use for book clubs, and to use with their Water Week display. The goal with this program is to inspire young children about water science, water conservation and water quality on our planet.

#### **WATER CELEBRATIONS AND FAIRS**

Water Celebrations and Fairs will be conducted throughout Utah at various venues. The activities at each event will be varied with the goal to provide a public outreach program to engage diverse audiences to more fully appreciate local water resources and to celebrate the wonders of water. The Section’s Young Professionals will be providing volunteers at the various locations at a Water Week Booth that will focus on:

#### **THE WATER FILM SERIES**

The film series provides a mechanism to reach the community in their homes or through community theaters. We are coordinating with the local PBS stations as well as the municipal stations to broadcast water related films

#### **WWW.WATERWEEK.ORG**

Our website becomes an important tool to get information regarding Water Week out to our members and the public at large.

