

WaterOne CURRENT

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SETTING THE STANDARD
FOR UTILITY EXCELLENCE



Water Meters & Fire Hydrants: HELP KEEP IT CLEAR!

Like many utilities, WaterOne has infrastructure located on your property that we own and maintain. This equipment is an important part of your water service, and keeping it clear and accessible is important so WaterOne employees can get to it for repairs or emergencies.

If utility equipment is blocked or covered by snow, dirt, lawn, bushes, landscaping, vehicles, or other obstacles, it can be difficult to locate and service critical equipment when we need to.

WaterOne crews will take care of minor cleanup, but for larger obstructions, we'll leave a note letting you know when we'll return to clear any obstructions and restore access. That way, you have the chance to take care of it first if you prefer.

We appreciate your help keeping it clear! 💧

Water Meters

Water meters are usually located in a covered pit in the front yard. Keeping it clear helps us access, repair, and maintain this equipment.



Fire Hydrants & Valves



Fire hydrants and valves are important parts of your water service. WaterOne fire hydrants are painted yellow with black caps, and we maintain them for fire protection for you and your neighbors. Fire Hydrants must be clear by at least three feet on all sides, and easily visible from the street for the fire department.

FAST FACT: WATERONE HAS ALMOST 19,000 FIRE HYDRANTS!
See more at [WaterOne.org/YEARINREVIEW](https://www.waterone.org/yearinreview)

Outreach Campaign Promotes Careers In The Water Industry



Tower2Tower 5K Registration Now Open!

Registration is open for this year's Tower 2 Tower 5K, taking place on Saturday, May 7th. Sign up now at [Tower2Tower5K.org](https://www.tower2tower5k.org)!

Like last year, participants will again have the option to compete in-person or virtually. All virtual participants will have race packets mailed, and there's no timekeeping needed. Participate whenever works for you!

Now in its seventh year, the Tower2Tower 5K has raised almost \$70,000 for Water For People, an organization working to bring clean drinking water to communities that need it most. Thanks to sponsors, 100% of registration fees are donated to the charity.

Tower 2 Tower 5K

Saturday, May 7th
8 AM at the WaterOne
Administrative Offices

10747 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, KS 66219

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[Tower2Tower5K.org!](https://www.tower2tower5k.org)

It takes a lot of talented people to make great water, and water providers are working proactively to inspire the next generation's workforce. At WaterOne, a new marketing campaign is working to raise awareness of the organization as an employer of choice through outreach to high schools and community colleges in and around our area. The campaign is intended to expose students to potential fields in the water industry, as well putting WaterOne on their radar as a place to build their career.

The campaign is centered around a branded package of WaterOne materials delivered to career counselors. The box includes hand-out cards for different career categories at WaterOne, which highlight the variety of jobs and benefits available to employees.

Each card has a QR code linking to a video feature for each career. Posters are also included for counselors to display in order to generate interest with WaterOne as a future employer.

"Water industry jobs are fun, rewarding, and vital to our community," said WaterOne Human Resources Manager Jerri Howe. "It's important to get our name out to younger people and students who are either early in their careers or still have yet to decide what career path they want to go into. People often think first about pipes or hardhats when they think of a water company, so highlighting our full scope of positions across the organization is important. WaterOne provides a great, stable work environment for employees in a wide range of careers." 💧



We're Hiring!
See our career videos at
[WaterOne.org/Careers](https://www.waterone.org/careers)

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"I would like to let you know how impressed I was with your project crew, and in particular Foreman Tim Karrick. He was so accessible to everyone who had questions about the project and was so patient with all of us. His affable personality and eagerness to be responsive was a gift to all of us who were involved. He greeted us with a smile and an

eagerness to be helpful every day. By the time of completion, I was sad to be saying good-bye to a new-found friend. Thank you very much for the quality of the service we received and for the WaterOne employees who did their job so effectively and timely. - SuEllen, Prairie Village "



WaterOne Leaders In The Spotlight During Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, celebrating the contributions of women in history and contemporary society.

WaterOne strives to be a workplace where its employees can grow and thrive. In honor of Women's History Month, WaterOne highlighted a few of its talented leaders dedicated to mentorship, support, and making WaterOne an employer of choice.

GOVERNING BOARD

WaterOne's seven-member Governing board has a majority of women serving in this policy-level role.

Kay Heley was recently elected Board Chair for the current term. Serving as Vice Chair is Whitney Wilson.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

For the first time, four out of seven

staff positions of the executive team are women leaders. Recently, Shaun Pietig was selected to become the Director of Distribution, assuming the role in January 2022. As Director of Distribution, Shaun oversees the teams that design, construct, repair, operate, and maintain WaterOne's infrastructure to ensure reliable distribution of water throughout our 272-mile service area. Shaun has been with WaterOne since 2007. 💧



Don't miss our "Women of Water" feature!



Find it at [Facebook.com/MyWaterOne](https://www.facebook.com/MyWaterOne)

Dauids' Secures Federal Funds For Recovery Power On Critical Water Infrastructure

WaterOne will receive federal funding for important upgrades at its Ralph Wyss pump station and reservoir. The pump station facility maintains critical water pressure and storage capacity for neighborhoods in southwest Johnson County. The funding provides \$4.8 million which will go towards the installation of a back-up engine generator system for the facility, ensuring continued service in the event of a regional power outage or emergency. The project was nominated for funding by Kansas Representative Sharice Dauids as

part of a broader 2022 Federal Omnibus funding bill.

"The resilience of water service is the backbone of Kansas communities," said Mike Armstrong, General Manager of WaterOne. "Rep. Dauids' support of securing federal funds for this emergency power generator at WaterOne facilities helps us further safeguard reliable water service to over 400,000 Kansans and businesses." 💧

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